

Amendments to Existing Rules and Regulations

5A GAR Education

Chapter 8 Guam Commission For Educator Certification

The following portions of the existing rules and regulations are updated with the adoption of the following sections.

1. § 8102. **Definitions.**

(ab) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) means the series of tests for reading, writing and, mathematics that uses technology to more accurately measure the abilities, content knowledge and critical thinking skills of the teacher candidates from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). This definition will be used in all areas throughout the Rules and Regulations that make reference to Praxis I.

(ac) Applicants who have successfully passed portions of Praxis-I and the required portions of Praxis Core to complete the series of tests may be eligible for certification.

2. § 8104. Issuance of Certificates, General.

(1) Holders of Degrees from NCATE-Accredited Institutions. Holders of degrees in teacher preparation awarded by an institution accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) shall be eligible for an Initial Educator Certificate **with the addition of the requirements that are stated in §8105 (b). (1) (A), (B), (C) and (D).**

3. § 8105. **Certificates for Teachers, General.**

(a) Temporary Teaching Certificate.

Minimum Qualifications. A Temporary Teaching Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents evidence that he or she has completed a Bachelor's degree and a passing score on Praxis-I **and / or Praxis CORE.**

4. (c) Professional Educator Certificate.

(1) Minimum Qualifications. A Professional Educator Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents the following evidence:

(A) fulfillment of all educational requirements for the Initial Educator Certificate or the Initial Educator Chamorro Language and Culture Teaching Certificate and provides evidence of the following:

(B) completion of requirements related to Guam History or Guam Culture; **and**

(C) completion of sixty (60) clock hours of professional

activities, **to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements as acknowledged by administrator on-site; and**

(D) satisfactory performance evaluation ~~and/or completion of Professional Growth Plan as approved by on-site administrator;~~ **and**

(E) completion of a one (1) year mentorship in a Guam school; and

(F) completion of two (2) years as an Initial **Educator** Certificate Holder.

(2) Length of Certification. The length of certification for a Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be five (5) years.

(3) Renewability. A Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be renewable for any number of years. Within the length of certification provided herein, a person issued a Professional Educator Certificate *shall* be considered in good standing to retain such certificate by presenting evidence of the following:

(A) completion of ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities, **to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements as acknowledged by administrator on-site; and**

(B) satisfactory performance evaluation.

5. (d) Master Educator Certificate

(1) Minimum Qualifications

(D) satisfactory performance evaluation.

6. (4) Holders of Professional II Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. No Master Educator Certificate issued under this rule shall be renewed for an applicant who *does not* provide evidence of having completed a Master's degree **or National Board Certified Teacher.**

7. (e) Professional Endorsement for Specialty Areas. Educators wishing to certify in multiple content areas, or to add an additional area, are able to apply for an endorsement on their existing **valid educator** certificate. To qualify for an endorsement, the applicant must provide evidence of the successful completion of fifteen (15) credit hours in the field **or a passing score on the Praxis II in the designated content area.** There will be an additional charge for the endorsement which will last the term of the existing certificate. Specialty areas for consideration are ~~library science,~~ instructional technology, visually impaired, orientation and mobility, deaf and hearing impaired, ~~speech,~~ media specialist, **autism spectrum disorders, emotional and behavioral disorders** or other specialty **teaching** areas as approved by GCEC.

8. § 8111. Endorsements for School Librarians.

(4) Renewability. A Professional School Librarian Endorsement may be renewed any number of times, provided that he or she presents evidence of satisfactory service as a school librarian; completion of ninety (90) hours of professional activities, to include semester hours in courses that will enhance the school librarian's work (such as courses in

specific content areas, education courses, and library science courses); **and** Continuing Education Units, or Professional Growth Plan requirements, as approved by the administrator that have been acquired within the preceding five (5) years.

9. § 8112. Certificates for School Counselors.

(a) Temporary School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders Issued Certificates Known as "Emergency" by the Department of Education. A holder of a certificate known as an "Emergency" Guidance and Counseling certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 may be issued a Temporary School Counselor Certificate under §8112 (a) of this Chapter provided they meet the minimal qualifications of the Temporary School Counselor Certificate.

(c) Professional School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders of Professional I Guidance and Counseling Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. Notwithstanding Subsection (c) of this Section, a Professional School Counselor Certificate maybe issued to a holder of a valid or recently expired "Professional I" Guidance and Counseling Certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 who provides evidence of satisfactory teaching and ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities within the Professional I certification period.

(d) Master School Counselor Certificate.

(4) Holders of Professional II Guidance and Counseling Certificates Issued by the Department of Education. A Master School Counselor Certificate may be issued to a holder of a " Professional II " Guidance and Counseling Certificate issued under Guam Education Policy Board Policy 1000.33 who provides evidence of satisfactory teaching and ninety (90) clock hours of professional activities within the Professional II certification period. No Master School Counselor Certificate issued under this rule shall be renewed for an applicant who does not provide evidence of having completed a Master's degree.