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CERTIFICATION for EDUCATORS



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About GCEC

The mission of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification is to ensure that all certified Guam educators responsible for the education of our children are competent to perform their duties as teachers, school counselors, librarians, and school administrators. GCEC is a separate entity governed by a seven (7) member Board of Commissioners. Over 3,000 educators and 5,000 certificates have been processed through GCEC.

Some educators hold one or more certificates, while others have moved off-island keeping their certificate current.





Educator Certificates

TEMPORARY EDUCATOR

Minimum Education Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Pass PRAXIS I /CORE

Minimum Experience Qualifications: None

Term: 2 Years

Fees: Application Fee: \$10.00, +

Initial Fee: \$10.00 or Renewal Fee: \$10.00

Renewability: One (1) time with:

- 12 semester (college) hours applicable to Initial Educator Certificate
- Satisfactory Performance Evaluation

INITIAL EDUCATOR

Minimum Education Qualifications:

Fither:

- Degree from an approved Educator Prep Program from an accredited college / university; or from a recognized foreign institution of higher learning recognized CHEA, or its successors.
- Non-education preparation program graduates: Degree from accredited institution, or completes an approved program (in content area) from accredited institution, and completes educational program aligned with Guam Professional Teachers Standards
- Grade point average of 2.70 or higher
- Pass PRAXIS I & PRAXIS II (PLT) Principles of Learning & Teaching (K-6 or 7-12) and PRAXIS II content tests

Minimum Experience Qualifications: None

Term: 3 years

Fees: Application Fee: \$15.00 & Initial Fee: \$15.00

Renewability: Non-Renewable

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR

Minimum Education Qualifications: None

- Fulfilled requirements for INITIAL educator or INITIAL Educator Chamorro Language & Culture Teaching Certificate
- Guam History or Guam Culture
- 60 clock hours of professional activities
- One (1) year mentorship in Guam school
- Satisfactory Performance Evaluation and/or completion of Professional Growth Plan approved by site

Minimum Experience Qualifications: 2 years as an Initial Educator Certificate holder.

Term: 5 years

Fees: Application Fee: \$25.00 +

Initial Fee: \$25.00 or Renewal Fee: \$25.00 **Renewability:** Any number of times with 90 Clock hours of professional activities to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units (CEU), or

acknowledge by site administrator.

Satisfactory Performance Evaluation

Professional Growth Plan requirements as

MASTER EDUCATOR

Minimum Education Qualifications:

- Completed requirements for Initial Educator & Professional Educator Certificate
- Master's degree and/or is a National Board Certified Teacher

Minimum Experience Qualifications: 5 years as

Term: 10 years

Fees: Application Fee: \$50.00 +

Initial Fee: \$50.00 or Renewal Fee: \$50.00

Renewability: Any number of times with 120 Clock hours of professional activities to include semester hours, Continuing Education Units (CEU), or Professional Growth Plan requirements as acknowledge by site administrator. Satisfactory Performance Evaluation Professional Educator Certificate.

PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT FOR SPECIALTY AREAS

Minimum Education Qualifications:

15 credit hours in specialty area (instructional technology, visually impaired orientation & mobility, deaf & hearing impaired, medical specialist or other GCEC approved specialty areas). Pass PRAXIS II Content Test.

Minimum Experience Qualifications: None

Term: Same as Educator Certificate **Fees:** Same as Educator Certificate

Chamorro and Culture, Pre-School, Career Technical, Reading Specialist, School Administrator, Librarians, Counselors, extension name changes, and copies,

Please contact GCEC Office for more details.



"We learn by teaching." — James Howell