

# Certification Application Guidelines - School Counseling

## University of West Georgia (UWG)

At or near the completion of your program, visit the following link at the Georgia Professional Standards Commission website for a Certification Application Package:

<http://www.gapsc.com/Certification/CertificationFormsandApplications.asp>

Choose the following options and print the forms: "Application for Certification," "Approved Program Recommendation Form," and "Employer Assurance Form"

- 1) **Georgia PSC Certification Application** – You will complete this form **IN FULL**, including the following:
  - a. Page 1, Question 3 - Check "Add a New Clear Renewable Certificate Field." Under "Field," list School Counseling. *Notes: If this is your first Georgia certificate, check "Clear Renewable Certificate." If you currently hold a Non-Renewable Certificate in School Counseling, check "Convert Non-Renewable Certificate to Clear Renewable Status."* Beside "Fee submitted," if you are currently employed in a Georgia school system/agency or if this is your first Georgia certificate, you are fee exempt and should write "n/a" on this line.
  - b. Page 2 - Academic Record - list all colleges/universities you have attended. If the PSC already has transcripts on file, check "transcript on file." For your UWG transcript, check "transcript attached." Once all grades have been posted, we will request an official transcript from UWG that we will attach to your certification package.
  - c. Page 2 - Assessment Record - write "Praxis II" or "GACE Content Assessment" and record the date you passed the assessment. You must attach a copy of your Praxis II/GACE scores or exemption scores regardless of whether the PSC has them on file. *Note: If this is your first clear renewable Georgia certificate, under Assessment Record you also must write "Praxis I" or "GACE Basic Skills Assessment" and record the date you passed the assessment. You must attach a copy of your Praxis I/GACE scores regardless of whether the PSC has them on file. If you exempted the basic skills requirement, write "exempt" and the test you exempted with (i.e., "SAT", "ACT", "GRE").*
- 2) **Georgia PSC Approved Program Recommendation Form** – Complete ONLY the upper portion of this form—name, social security number, and date of birth. The remainder of this form will be completed by UWG.
- 3) **Georgia PSC Employer Assurance Form** - Complete ONLY the upper portion of this form—name, social security number, and date of birth. The remainder of this form will be completed by your employing school system. (*Note; This form is not required if this is your first Georgia certificate.*)

### Submission of forms:

You may send the entire packet of forms to the Certification Official at UWG (see address below) after completing your portion. Once we complete the Approved Program Recommendation Form and attach an official transcript, we will send the entire package to your school system (as indicated on Question 2 of the Application) to complete the remaining forms. Your school system will send the entire completed package to the Professional Standards Commission. (*Note: If this is your first Georgia certificate, your paperwork will be submitted directly to the PSC.*)

### Other:

If you completed a non-degree program, you must attach a copy of your program sheet to your paperwork. This program sheet must include your signature, the signature of your advisor, and any approved course substitutions documented on the program sheet by your advisor. If this is your first clear renewable certificate, you must attach official documented proof of your completion of the technology requirement (ex. InTech training). If you met the requirement by completing MEDT 6401, this course will appear on your UWG transcript and additional documentation will not be necessary. **Please note that the AssessOnline test-out option and the GACE Computer Skill Competency Assessment are not acceptable for meeting the technology requirement within your program.**

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