

LEADERSHIP DOCTORATE AND GEORGIA CERTIFICATION

P-12 CERTIFICATION NOTE: All certificate levels in effect on December 15, 2010, will remain in place and those educators will continue to be paid at that certificate level. A Grandfathering Period is established in the rule. Those electing to seek advanced degrees under the old rules must be **enrolled** (admitted and actively participating in coursework) in advanced degree programs on or before July 15, 2011, **AND successfully complete** the [Specialist, Level 6] program by Dec 15, 2014, and [Doctoral] degree by December 15, 2016. Individuals meeting this Grandfathering timeline will be upgraded under the old rules. (*Excerpted from GAPSC memo of February 10th, 2011*). See also http://www.gapsc.com/policies_guidelines/pg_certificateupgrade.asp

Candidates holding a T or S Certificate and Seeking to Upgrade to Level 6 or 7

Doctoral students holding a T or S certificate and entering in the summer of 2011 may upgrade to a level 7 certificate by completing the Ed.D. in Leadership. Doctoral students holding a level 5 certificate may apply for an upgrade to level 6 after completing all course work and passing comprehensive exams. Students must meet the Grandfathering timeline by successfully completing the [Specialist, Level 6] program by Dec 15, 2014, and [Doctoral] degree by December 15, 2016.

Candidates holding an L or PL Certificate and Seeking an Upgrade to Level 6 or 7

Doctoral students holding an L or PL certificate can upgrade to a level 7 certificate by the completion of the Ed.D. in Leadership. Doctoral students holding a level 5 certificate may apply for an upgrade to level 6 after completing all course work and passing comprehensive exams.

Performance-Based Leadership Certification

The Ed.D. program of study does not automatically result in P-12 school leadership certification. For information on obtaining a PL certificate, contact Jerry Siegrist at Siegrist@valdosta.edu

Applying for your Certificate Upgrade

LEVEL 5 to 6 --- If you wish to apply for a certificate upgrade you will need to complete the [PSC ALTERNATE LEVEL 6 CERTIFICATION OPTION FORM](#) and submit them to the CLT department. The department will complete and forward them to the Graduate School for approval. Upon approval the Graduate School will mail the completed PSC request form to you. Either you or your school system should then forward the request for PSC approval along with your [GEORGIA PSC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FORM](#).

LEVEL 6 to 7---Upon completion of your doctoral degree you may apply for a certificate upgrade (level 7) through your local school system using the [GEORGIA PSC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FORM](#)