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TO: Educator Preparation Providers
P12 School Districts

FROM: Matt Arthur

SUBJECT: Updated GaPSC Guidance Related to COVID-19 Disruptions

It is important to GaPSC to continue to provide needed guidance related to the impact of COVID-19 on field experience and clinical practice requirements, testing, and certification.

You will find [here](#) updated GaPSC guidance, dated 3-19-20, intended to keep educator preparation providers (EPPs) and P-12 districts and schools informed.

However, please keep in mind that as there are many unknowns, including how long P-12 schools will be closed, this guidance may be updated as new information emerges.

In addition, a helpful Certification Guidance document, covering specific scenarios and situations, is available [here](#), which is also subject to change.

At this time, the specific updates provide additional time to complete certification requirements, including the following for initial teaching candidates scheduled to complete their programs in Spring 2020:

For EPPs with Traditional Programs:

- GaPSC will issue a one year, Non-Renewable Induction Certificate to candidates scheduled to complete their initial teacher preparation programs in Spring 2020, who are not able to meet all certification assessment requirements, provided their EPPs enter a Spring 2020 date (e.g. 5/10/2020) in the Program Completion Date field in TPMS.
- Those who are issued the one year, Non-Renewable Induction Certificate will have until June 30, 2021, to complete all certification requirements.

For GaTAPP:

- GaPSC will extend the IN4 (Provisional) Certificate to GaTAPP candidates scheduled to complete their initial teacher preparation programs in Spring 2020, who are not able to meet all certification assessment requirements and whose current certificates expire June 30, 2020.
- Those who are issued the extended Provisional Certificate will have until June 30, 2021, to complete all certification requirements.

Assistance:

- For EPPs, please contact your GaPSC education specialist with any questions or additional concerns.
- Certification questions should be directed to the Certification Division using the email form available [here](#), selecting the following subject: *How Will COVID-19 Affect my Certification?*

Please know we greatly value your work and collaboration as we all navigate the impact of COVID-19.

As always, please let us know how we can assist.

Sincerely,

Matt Arthur
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