

Teacher Leadership Degree

Recent changes in requirements for graduate programs in Teacher Leadership have affected the design of our programs and how you receive certification. These changes affect educators who hold Georgia certification.

To know how these changes affect you, you should identify the date you started your degree. Your start date will affect certificate upgrade (salary increase) and adding the field of Teacher Leadership to your certificate.

Carefully review the three enrollment groups below and identify which group applies to you. The bulleted points below your enrollment group explain certificate upgrade and adding the new field, if appropriate. Note that the term “enrolled”, as used here, means that you were admitted to the program and actively participating in coursework.

GROUP ONE—Enrolled Spring 2013 or before and completed by September 1, 2015

Enrolled BEFORE January 15, 2013 and Completing BY September 1, 2015.

- You will earn a certificate level upgrade.
- You cannot add Teacher Leadership as a new field.
- If you wish to add Teacher Leadership to your certificate, you will need to discuss the conversion process with your advisor.

GROUP TWO—Enrolled Summer 2013, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

Enrolled BETWEEN January 16, 2013 and January 15, 2014

- You will earn a certificate level upgrade upon verification of program completion.
- You will receive a Non-renewable certificate in Teacher Leadership, upon submission of an application and supporting documentation to the GaPSC.
- To maintain your certificate upgrade and convert to a Professional certificate, you must:
 1. Pass the GACE Teacher Leadership Assessment
 2. Add the field to your certificate before July 1, 2016.
- **IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO CONVERT YOUR CERTIFICATE BY JULY 1, 2016 WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF YOUR CERTIFICATE UPGRADE.**

GROUP THREE—Enrolled Summer 2014 forward

Enrolled AFTER January 15, 2014

- Must take and pass GACE Teacher Leadership.
- Must add new field to certificate to receive certificate upgrade.