



# GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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## GNPEC TEAM UPDATES:

### Welcome to Todd!

TJ recently joined the team as a Regulatory Specialist and is eager to learn, grow, and gain valuable experience in his new role while making meaningful contributions to the department. A proud graduate of Georgia State University (Go Panthers!), TJ was born and raised in Georgia.

Looking ahead, TJ aspires to attend law school and continue building a career in the legal and regulatory field. He is passionate about expanding his knowledge, embracing new challenges, and continuously developing both personally and professionally. One of his long-term goals is to become a judge.

Outside of work, TJ enjoys reviewing legal cases and studying law. He believes strongly in the importance of treating others with kindness and being good neighbors within our communities. As the youngest of five siblings, TJ values family deeply and considers it one of the most important aspects of his life.

Please join us in welcoming TJ to the team and wishing him success in his new role!

As a reminder, with the recent additions to the Regulatory Specialist team, some institutions have been reassigned. These reassignments are now mostly complete, and any institution that was reassigned should have been contacted by their previous Regulatory Specialist. If you have noticed a new RS assigned to your institution and have not yet received communication, please reach out to that Regulatory Specialist for confirmation or assistance.

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS: SAVE THE DATE!

GNPEC will host its Fall Town Halls virtually on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The session for accredited institutions will begin at 1:00 PM, followed by the session for unaccredited institutions at 2:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to stay informed on recent updates and engage directly with GNPEC staff through a live Q&A session.

## UPCOMING WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING ACCREDITATION - PATHWAYS AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS

The Connecticut Office of Higher Education is hosting an informational webinar on accreditation and has graciously extended the invitation to unaccredited institutions in other states.

Representatives from the **Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)**, **National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS)**, and **Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)** will provide an overview of accreditation, including its purpose, benefits, relationship to state authorization, and potential connection to Title IV eligibility.

Panelists will also discuss their agencies' accreditation standards, eligibility requirements, application processes, timelines, maintenance expectations, available resources, and general cost considerations.

This webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM EST. If your institution is interested in attending, please [register here](#).

## WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM

The GNPEC team recently met with representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to discuss the new Workforce Pell Grant Program. Title IV-eligible institutions interested in pursuing Workforce Pell eligibility can begin the application and review process through TCSG's dedicated Workforce Pell website.

Effective July 1, 2026, the Workforce Pell Grant Program expanded federal Pell Grant eligibility to certain high-quality, short-term training programs that prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand careers. Eligible programs typically range from 8 to 14 weeks in length and are designed to help students quickly enter or advance in fields such as healthcare, manufacturing, and information technology.

Institutions considering participation should review the program requirements and application guidance available on the TCSG Workforce Pell website, including the Step-by-Step Submission Guide and eligibility information for institutions.

To learn more and begin the eligibility process, visit: <https://www.tcsg.edu/workforce-pell-ga/>

## AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED FOR WORKSHOPS

GNPEC now requires all workshops to receive authorization prior to being offered. The authorization process follows the same procedures required for a new program approval.

Institutions seeking to offer a workshop must submit a **New Program Application** and the associated **Program Evaluation Fee of \$1,000**. To clearly distinguish these offerings from traditional programs, the word "Workshop" must be included in the program title.

Institutions are encouraged to plan accordingly and obtain authorization before advertising or delivering any workshop offerings.

## GNPEC WEBINAR: GOING DIGITAL!

Thank you to everyone who attended GNPEC's Going Digital Webinar earlier this month. We appreciate your participation and engagement. If you were unable to attend, the webinar slideshow will be posted on our website soon. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore resources available on our [Institutional Resources](#) page, including helpful site visit templates and record-keeping checklists.

## REMINDERS FOR RENEWALS

### **Timely Renewal of Authorization:**

Please be reminded that a complete Renewal of Authorization Application and applicable fees are due at least 60 days prior to your institution's authorization expiration date. For the Renewal of Authorization Application to be considered complete, all components of the application must be submitted by the Application Due Date. Please reach out to your assigned Regulatory Specialist with any questions.

Submission of application and fee(s) after the due date but prior to 30 days before expiration will be assessed a 25% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

Submission of application and fee(s) within 30 days of the expiration will be assessed a 50% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

Automatic nonrenewal of institutional authorization will result if the Renewal of Authorization Application and all applicable fees are not received by the expiration date. Should the institution seek to regain authorization, it must apply as a new institution (Initial Authorization Application) including being subject to all appropriate fees and bonding requirements.

## RENEWAL INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING TAB 4

This section in our newsletter provides a closer look at specific tabs within the renewal application. Each month, we will highlight one tab, addressing commonly asked questions and key details to help guide you through the process with confidence. This feature is designed to enhance clarity and ensure you have the information you need to complete your renewal accurately and efficiently.

Tab 4 of the Renewal Application is dedicated to personnel information. Accredited institutions must submit Personnel Data Inventory (PDI) forms for all department heads, including deans, division chairs, administrative directors, and supervisors, as well as all EDvera access contacts. Unaccredited institutions must submit PDI forms for all faculty, staff, and EDvera access contacts.

When completing a Personnel Data Inventory form, institutions should carefully review [Minimum Standard 3](#), which outlines personnel requirements. In the Supporting Documentation section of the PDI form, institutions must provide documentation that demonstrate an individual's qualifications for the position, such as applicable transcripts, curriculum vitae, professional licenses, and other relevant credentials.

As part of each renewal cycle, institutions are responsible for ensuring that faculty and staff licenses and certifications are current and up to date. Updates can be submitted using a Personnel Data Inventory Change Form.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & STATE HOLIDAYS

- [Renewal Applicant Training Meeting](#): September 1 from 10 AM-11:30 PM\*
- [Understanding Accreditation Webinar](#) (hosted by the CT Office of Higher Education): September 1 from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- **State Holiday - GNPEC Closed**: September 7
- **GNPEC Town Hall for Accredited Institutions (virtual)**: October 29 at 1 PM
- **GNPEC Town Hall for Unaccredited Institutions (virtual)**: October 29 at 2 PM

\*Note that any new institutional staff are encouraged to attend the Renewal Applicant Webinar, which is held monthly. For meeting information, please contact your assigned Regulatory Specialist.

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