



GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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GNPEC TEAM UPDATES:

Leadership Transition at GNPEC:

As many may already know, Dr. Kirk Shook, GNPEC's former Executive Director, recently accepted the role of Executive Director at the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA). Following his departure, Maggie Rivers, a dedicated member of the GNPEC team for more than a decade, has been appointed Executive Director.

The NPEC team extends its sincere congratulations to Dr. Shook on this exciting new opportunity and wishes him continued success in his leadership at GVRA. We are also pleased to congratulate Maggie on her new role and look forward to supporting her leadership as NPEC continues its commitment to serving Georgia's students and institutions.

Welcome to Deonanna!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest team member, Deonanna Tarver! Deonanna is passionate about education, mental health, and advocacy. She is also a Master of Social Work candidate at Georgia State University. Her career goals include protecting working class and low-income families by advocating for them in any way she can. Deonanna is transitioning from working with families on a micro level to working to ensure that nonpublic post-secondary institutions are compliant to support Georgia students.

As a reminder, we will be adding another Regulatory Specialist to our team in August, and as a result, there will be some reassignments of institutions once all team members have finished onboarding. If your institution is affected, your current RS will contact you in advance to communicate the upcoming change. If you notice a new RS assigned to your institution and have not yet been notified, please reach out to that Regulatory Specialist for confirmation.

PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Institutions are required to notify GNPEC of any proposed program changes **prior** to implementation. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in tuition, program content, delivery modality, or other program-related modifications. Most updates can be submitted through the

Program Change Application in EDvera. Once submitted, your assigned Regulatory Specialist will review the request and provide guidance regarding implementation requirements, including whether the change may proceed as submitted and if a Program Evaluation Fee is applicable.

GNPEC WEBINAR: GOING DIGITAL!

As educational institutions continue to modernize their operations, effective digital recordkeeping has become increasingly important. Join GNPEC on August 26th from 10-11 AM for a webinar exploring the digitization of student records, lessons learned, best practices, and strategies for ensuring records remain secure, accessible, and preserved for the future. Though all institutions are welcome, unaccredited institutions are strongly encouraged to attend! **Register here:** [GNPEC Webinar: Going Digital](#)

SITE VISITS

To support the timely completion of site visits, all required documentation and materials must be prepared and available by the scheduled date and time of the visit. Any deficiencies or missing items will be formally cited and communicated to the institution. We encourage institutions to take advantage of the available resources on the [Institutional Resources](#) page, specifically within the *Site Visit/Record-Keeping Resources* section, to assist with preparation. Failure to address cited items for a second consecutive year may result in penalties.

REPORTING GRADUATE OUTCOMES (UNACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS ONLY)

Student Outcome Data Report/Student List Template: For all graduates designated as “**Placed in Field,**” employer information must be collected and included in the required annual reporting for the Renewal of Authorization Application. GNPEC has developed templates to assist with gathering this data, which are available in the *Student Outcome Reporting Resources for Unaccredited Institutions* section of the [Institutional Resources](#) page.

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 3

This section in our newsletter is dedicated to providing 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 3 of the Renewal Application is the most comprehensive section of the application process. Within this tab, institutions are asked to provide detailed program information, student outcomes data, and updated institutional exhibits, including key documents such as the Enrollment Agreement and Catalog. Institutions are encouraged to review this section carefully to ensure all required information and documentation are current, complete, and accurate prior to submission.

UPCOMING EVENTS & STATE HOLIDAYS

- **Renewal Applicant Training Meeting:** August 3 from 11 AM-12:30 PM*
- **Going Digital Webinar:** August 26 from 10-11 AM

*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.