



GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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GNPEC TEAM UPDATES: WELCOME TO REBEKAH!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest team member, Rebekah Tanner! Rebekah graduated from Flager College with a dual major in Elementary/Special Education, where she taught across curriculum in a variety of classroom settings for nearly fifteen years. Rebekah recently transferred from the classroom setting to working as a Regulatory Specialist with GNPEC. Rebekah also enjoys reading, baking, and spending time with her three girls and husband.

As a reminder, we will have two more team members joining us in July and August, and as a result, there will be some reassignments of institutions once all team members have onboarded. 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 that Regulatory Specialist for confirmation.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITES

All institutions must ensure that any advertisement, including on websites and social media, must meet requirements set forth in [Minimum Standard 9](#). As stated, all published institutional documentation, including advertisements, must present only accurate information and should never engage in any communications that are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair.

Your institution's assigned Regulatory Specialist will be reviewing all websites and social media to ensure all information is consistent with documents in EDvera.

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.

MONITORING STUDENT OUTCOMES

GNPEC actively monitors student outcomes and job placement benchmarks for unaccredited institutions. Schools that fall below these benchmarks are placed on progress monitoring for the subsequent year of authorization.

Required Benchmarks:

Unaccredited institutions are expected to meet the following performance standards:

- **Graduation Rate:** At least **50%** of enrolled students
- **Job Placement Rate:** At least **60%** of graduates employed **within their field of study**

Failure to meet one or both benchmarks may impact a program's authorization status.

Renewal of Authorization Requirements:

As part of the Renewal of Authorization application, unaccredited institutions must annually submit student contact and placement information that corresponds to reported student outcome data.

This includes contact information for **all graduates** and each graduate's **placement status**

Programmatic Monitoring Levels:

GNPEC evaluates programs using a tiered monitoring system:

Low Monitoring

- Meets **both** graduation and placement benchmarks

Moderate Monitoring

- Fails to meet **one or more** benchmarks in the most recent year
- Considered a **warning status**
- No immediate consequences
- Designed to allow time for programs affected by an abnormal cohort or short-term issue to make corrections

High Monitoring

- Fails to meet **one or more** benchmarks for **two consecutive years**

What this means:

- The program will not be renewed again during the next renewal cycle
- The school is given one year to make programmatic changes
- GNPEC will not specify deficiencies; but rather, the school must submit a Programmatic Improvement Plan documenting the changes being made
- Note: Standard Program Evaluation fees apply to any substantive changes

Outcomes of Continued Non-Compliance

- If no changes are made before the next renewal, the program will be inactivated at the end of that cycle.

- If changes are made (e.g., new instructor, placement tracking, substantive or non-substantive revisions), the program is granted one additional reporting period to demonstrate improvement.
- Any program that fails to meet both benchmarks for four consecutive years, regardless of changes or circumstances, will be inactivated due to ineffectiveness.

Reporting Graduate Outcomes

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 2

We are excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter 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 2 of the Renewal Application provides access to GNPEC's current Minimum Standards document. Institutions are required to download the form, review each standard, and sign each item individually. This process ensures that all institutions acknowledge the most current version of the minimum standards.

1. Institution Information 2. Minimum Standards 3. Programs and Exhibits 4. Faculty & Staff 5. Agreements 6. Fees & Financials

Minimum Standards

Download and electronically complete the **Minimum Standards Form**. To submit the document, attach it below.

UPCOMING EVENTS & STATE HOLIDAYS

- **GNPEC Closed – July 3**
- **Renewal Applicant Training Meeting: July 6 from 11 AM-12:30 PM***
- **Going Digital Webinar: August 26 from 10-11 AM**

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