

505-2-.149 TEACHER LEADERSHIP

(1) Summary: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for issuance of the service certificate in Teacher Leadership P-12, which allows individuals certified in this field to retain classroom responsibilities while also assisting peers to improve classroom practice resulting in higher levels of student learning.

(2) Professional Certificate Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).

(a) Issuance.

1. An Individual is eligible for a Professional certificate in the field of Teacher Leadership based on meeting the following requirements:
 - (i) Hold a level four (4) or higher Induction or Professional certificate in any field.
 - (ii) Complete a state-approved certification program in Teacher Leadership at the master's degree level – level five (5) — or higher.
 - (iii) Meet the Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#)) applicable to the field of Teacher Leadership:
 - (I) Pass the GACE content knowledge assessment.
 - (II) Meet Standards of Conduct.
 - (iv) Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).

(3) Non-Renewable Professional Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).

- (a) A One (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Teacher Leadership may be issued at the request of an employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) to an individual holding an expired Georgia Clear Renewable or Standard Professional certificate in Teacher Leadership who has not met renewal requirements outlined in section (7) below.

(4) Additional Certificate Title Issued in the Field.

- (a) Retired Educator (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE](#)).

(5) To Add the Field (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD](#)).

- (a) To add Teacher Leadership to an existing certificate in any field, an individual must complete the requirements for an initial Teacher Leadership certificate outlined in (2)(a), to include all applicable Special Georgia Requirements.

(6) To Upgrade the Level (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE](#)).

(7) Renewal Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#)).

(8) Restrictions.

- (a) The field of Teacher Leadership may not be added or used to upgrade a Provisional certificate

or previously issued Induction Pathway 4 certificates or the equivalent.

(9) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)). An individual holding the Teacher Leadership Certificate has strengthened and enhanced competency levels to facilitate the design and implementation of sustained, intensive, and job-embedded professional learning based on identified student and teacher needs to guide positive change and improve student learning.

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