

## 505-2-.205 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

(1) Certificate Requirements.

(a) Clear Renewable Certificate (See [Rule 505-2-.03](#));

1. An applicant is also eligible for a Clear Renewable Certificate based on completion of an approved Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program at a PSC-approved accredited institution AND completion of the [Basic Skills Assessment\(s\)](#) and [Special Georgia Requirements](#) OR submission of a valid [State of Georgia Social Workers license](#) issued by the [Examining Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State](#), O.C.G.A. Title 43 and completion of the [Basic Skills Assessment\(s\)](#) and [Special Georgia Requirements](#).

2. If the applicant has satisfied all other requirements outlined above except that the highest degree held is a bachelor's degree in social work, the certificate will be issued as a Non-Renewable Professional Certificate to allow time for completion of either a state approved master's degree program in School Social Work or a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program.

(b) Intern Certificate (See [Rule 505-2-.05](#)).

1. An Intern Certificate is not issued for this field.

(c) Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See [Rule 505-2-.06](#));

1. If the applicant currently holds a Clear Renewable Certificate in any field, a Non-Renewable Certificate in this field may be issued at the request of an employing school system based on verification of acceptance into either a state-approved School Social Work program OR a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program;

2. If the applicant holds a valid or expired professional out-of-state certificate in School Social Work and the highest degree held is a bachelor's degree in Social Work, the certificate will be issued as a Non-Renewable Professional Certificate to allow time for completion of a state-approved master's degree program in School Social Work or a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program and Special Georgia Requirements.

3. If the applicant holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work AND has passed the Basic Skills Assessment, the certificate will be issued as a Non-Renewable Professional Certificate to allow time for completion of either a state-approved master's degree program in School Social Work or a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program and completion of Special Georgia Requirements.

4. If the applicant holds an expired Level 5 Georgia School Social Work certificate, a Non-Renewable Certificate in this field may be issued at the request of an employing school system to satisfy Special Georgia Requirements. If the expired Georgia School Social Work certificate is Level 4, the applicant must complete a state-approved master's degree program in School Social Work or a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program and applicable Special Georgia Requirements.

(d) International Exchange Certificate (See [Rule 505-2-.08](#)).

1. An International Exchange Certificate is not issued for this field.

(e) Permit (See Rule [505-2-.10](#)).

1. A Permit is not issued for this field.

(f) Non-Renewable Non-Professional Certificate (See Rule [505-2-.30](#))

(g) ADAC (See Rule [505-2-.04](#))

1. An ADAC Certificate is not issued for this field.

(h) Core Academics (See Rule [505-2-.27](#))

1. A Core Academic Certificate is not issued for this field.

(i) Clinical Practice (See Rule [505-2-.28](#))

1. A Clinical Practice Certificate is not issued for this field.

(j) One Year Supervised Practicum (See Rule [505-2-.29](#))

1. A One Year Supervised Practicum Certificate is not issued for this field.

(k) Adjunct License (See Rule [505-2-.40](#))

1. An Adjunct License is not issued for this field.

(2) To Add the Field (See Rule [505-2-.25](#)).

(a) To add School Social Work to any field, the applicant must complete a state-approved program in the field at the master's degree level or higher OR complete a PSC-approved accredited Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree AND applicable Special Georgia Requirements.

(3) Renewal Requirements (See Rule [505-2-.24](#)).

(a) An applicant is also eligible for renewal based on submission of a valid [State of Georgia Social Workers license](#) issued by the Office of the Secretary of State.

(4) In-Field Statement (See Rule [505-2-.26](#)). Educators certified in School Social Work are in-field to serve as a school social worker and/or visiting teacher in grades P-12.

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