

**505-2-.146 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.146 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY dated January 15, 2015, be AMENDED to allow for completion of professional learning units awarded by the Georgia Association of School Psychologists (GASP) to meet the renewal credit requirement for unemployed educators certified in this field.

**Current/Amended Sections(s):**

(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through.)

**(1) Initial Certificate Requirements.**

(a) Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE):

1. An applicant is eligible for a Professional certificate in the field of School Psychology based on completion of the following requirements:

(i) Completion of one of the following options:

(I) Completion of a state-approved certification preparation program in School Psychology at the specialist degree level – level six (6) – or higher;

(II) Completion of a National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)-approved School Psychology program; or

(III) Submission of a valid National Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board; and

(ii) Meeting the Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS) applicable to the field of School Psychology:

(I) Content knowledge assessment– pass the GACE content knowledge assessment at the Professional level; and

(II) Standards of conduct.

(b) Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE):

1. An Induction certificate in the field of School Psychology may be issued at the request of the employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) to an applicant who has met all of the requirements for the Professional certificate outlined in section (1)(a), above, except that the GACE content assessment has been passed at the Induction level and not the Professional level.

(c) Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE):

1. A five (5)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of School Psychology may be

issued at the request of an employing Georgia LUA in the following situations:

(i) The applicant has satisfied all applicable Special Georgia Requirements and has completed all coursework for a state-approved or NASP-approved program at the specialist or doctoral level, with the exception of any internship, thesis, or dissertation requirements; or

(ii) The applicant has satisfied all applicable Special Georgia Requirements and has completed a state-approved School Psychologist program at the master's degree level [level five (5)];

2. A three (3)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of School Psychology may be issued to an applicant who (iii) The applicant holds a Professional certificate in any field at level four (4) or higher and has fulfilled all requirements for the Professional certificate in School Psychology except that the GACE content assessment has been passed at the Induction level and not the Professional level;

3. A one (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of School Psychology may be issued to an applicant who holds an expired Georgia Clear Renewable or Professional School Psychology Certificate but has not met renewal requirements outlined in section (4) below.

**(2) Certificates Not Issued.** The GaPSC does not issue the following certificates for this field:

(a) International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE);

(b) Permit (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT); and

(c) Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE).

**(3) To Add the Field (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD).**

(a) To add School Psychology to an existing Professional certificate in any field, an applicant must complete the requirements outlined in (1)(a) for an initial School Psychology Certificate to include all applicable Special Georgia Requirements.

**(4) Renewal Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS)**

(a) To renew a Professional School Psychology Certificate, an applicant must meet one of the following options:

1. Completion of renewal requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS;

2. Submission of a valid National Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board; or

3. Submission of a valid State of Georgia Psychologist license issued by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, O.C.G.A. Title 43.

**(b) If the certificate holder is not employed by a Georgia LUA at the time of renewal, completion of ten (10) Professional Learning Units awarded by the Georgia Association of School Psychologists (GASP) will satisfy renewal requirements. The PLUs must have been earned during the validity period of the certificate or, if the certificate is expired, within five (5) years of application for renewal.**

**(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT)**

(a) Educators certified in School Psychology are in-field to serve as a School Psychologist in grades P-12.

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