

**505-2-.185 AUTISM ENDORSEMENT**

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

☐ Substantive  
☒ Clarification  
☐ Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.185 AUTISM ENDORSEMENT dated January 15, 2017, be AMENDED to allow service field certificate holders to add the field and to clarify the requirements for issuance of the Supplemental Induction endorsement.

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

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

**(1) Eligibility Requirements.**

(a) To be eligible for the professional Autism Endorsement, the applicant must hold a level four (4) or higher renewable professional certificate in any teaching **or service** field and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).

(b) To be eligible for the Supplemental Induction Autism Endorsement, the applicant must hold a level four (4) or higher Induction certificate in any teaching field ~~or in the service field of Speech and Language Pathology~~ and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).

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

(a) An individual with the Autism Endorsement has strengthened and enhanced competency levels for working with students with autism. This endorsement does not replace the certification requirement of holding the appropriate special education base-field certificate for working with students with autism.

(b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

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