

505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Audiology.

(1) Summary: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for issuance of the service certificate in Audiology P-12, which allows individuals certified in this field to identify and treat hearing, balance, tinnitus, and other auditory disorders in students to promote student achievement.

(2) Professional Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(a) Issuance.

1. An individual is eligible for a Standard Professional certificate in the field of Audiology based on meeting one of the following requirements:
 - (i) Completion of an American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA)-approved master's degree or higher from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution in Audiology;
 - (ii) Completion of a state-approved certification preparation program in Audiology at the master's degree level – level five (5) – or higher;
 - (iii) Submission of a valid State of Georgia Audiologist license issued by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, O.C.G.A. Title 43; or
 - (iv) Submission of a valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).
2. Meet Standards of Conduct; and
3. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

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

(a) A One (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Audiology 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 Audiology who has not met renewal requirements outlined in section (7) below.

(4) Additional Certificate Titles Issued in the Field.

(a) Retired Educator (See CERTIFICATION RULE 505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR).

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

(a) To add Audiology to an existing certificate in any field, an individual must complete the requirements for an initial Audiology 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).

(a) To renew a Professional Audiology certificate, an individual must meet one of the following options:

1. Complete renewal requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS;
2. Submission of a valid State of Georgia Audiology license issued by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, O.C.G.A. Title 43; or
3. Submission of a valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).

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

(a) Individuals certified in Audiology are in-field to serve as an Audiologist in grades P-12.

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