

**505-2-.143 MEDIA SPECIALIST**

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

☒ Substantive  
☐ Clarification  
☐ Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.143 MEDIA SPECIALIST, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Media Specialist.

**(1) Summary:** This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for issuance of the service certificate in Media Specialist P-12, which allows individuals certified in this field to collaborate, plan, and design with school personnel in areas such as information literacy and assessment, while also providing supplemental curriculum material to bridge the digital divide.

**(2) Professional Certificate 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 Media Specialist based on meeting the following requirements:
  - (i) Completion of a state-approved certification preparation program in Media Specialist at the master's degree level – level five (5) – or higher;
  - (ii) Meet the Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS) applicable to the field of Media Specialist; and
    - (I) Pass the GACE content knowledge assessment;
    - (II) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better; and
    - (III) Standards of Conduct.
  - (iii) Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

**(3) Provisional Certificate Requirements** (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(a) Issuance.

1. Hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution;
2. Pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment;
3. Pass the GACE content assessment;
4. Meet Georgia's standards of conduct; and

5. Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(b) The Provisional certificate will be issued for one (1) year pending verification of enrollment in GaPSC-accepted educator preparation program leading to certification in the field of Media Specialist. Once enrolled in a GaPSC-accepted program, the certificate will be extended for two additional years (See RULE 505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(c) Conversion.

1. Complete a GaPSC-accepted program in the field of Media Specialist; and
2. Meet the following Special Georgia Requirements:
  - (i) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better;
  - (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
  - (iii) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

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

(a) Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Media Specialist may be issued at the request of an employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) in the following scenarios:

1. One (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Media Specialist may be issued to an individual who holds an expired Georgia Clear Renewable or Professional Media Specialist certificate but has not met renewal requirements outlined in section (8) below.
2. Three (3)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Media Specialist may be issued to an individual who currently holds a renewable professional certificate in any field at a level four (4) or higher for completion of the options outlined in (2)(a).

**(5) Additional Certificate Title Issued in the Field.**

(a) Retired Educator Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR).

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

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

**(7) To Upgrade the Level** (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE).

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

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

(a) Individuals certified in Media Specialist are in-field to serve as a Media Specialist in grades P-12.