

505-2-.148 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

(1) Summary: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for issuance of the service certificate in Speech and Language Pathology P-12, which allows individuals certified in this field to work in a local unit of administration (LUA) to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in students to promote student achievement.

(2) Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).

(a) Issuance.

1. An individual is eligible for a Standard Professional certificate in the field of Speech and Language Pathology based on meeting one of the following requirements:
 - (i) Completion of a state-approved certification preparation program in Speech and Language Pathology at the master's degree level – level five (5) – or higher.
 - (ii) Completion of a master's degree level or higher program approved by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).
 - (iii) Submission of a valid ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech and Language Pathology.
 - (iv) Submission of a valid State of Georgia Speech and Language Pathologist license issued by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, O.C.G.A. Title 43.
2. Meet the Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#)) applicable to the field of Speech and Language Pathology.
 - (i) Pass the Praxis content knowledge assessment.
 - (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct.
3. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES](#).

(3) Non-Renewable Professional Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).

- (a) A One (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional certificate in the field of Speech and Language Pathology may be issued at the request of an employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) to an individual who holds an expired Georgia Clear Renewable or Standard Professional Speech and Language Pathology Certificate but has not met renewal requirements outlined in section (7) below.

(4) Additional Certificate Title Issued in the Field.

- (a) Retired Educator (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE](#)).

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

- (a) To add Speech and Language Pathology to an existing certificate in any field, an individual must complete the requirements for an initial Speech and Language Pathology 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 Speech and Language Pathology Certificate, an individual must meet one of the following requirements:
 1. Complete renewal requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#).
 2. Submission of a valid ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech and Language Pathology.
 3. Submission of a valid State of Georgia license in Speech and Language Pathology issued by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, O.C.G.A. Title 43.
- (8) In-Field Statement** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)).
 - (a) Individuals certified in Speech and Language Pathology are in-field to serve as a Speech and Language Pathologist in grades P-12 and to provide related educational support or direct intervention for all students in grades P-12 whose Individual Education Program (IEP) indicates instructional needs in the area of Speech and Language Pathology.

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