

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY - GENERAL RULES

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145(3), 17601, and 17610 of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145(3), 333.17601, and 333.17610 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-1, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 330.3101, 445.2001, 445.2011 and 445.2030)

R 338.601 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

- (a) "Board" means the board of speech-language pathology.
- (b) "Code" means 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 et seq.
- (c) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (d) "Endorsement" means the acknowledgement that the licensing criteria in 1 jurisdiction is substantially equivalent to the criteria established and described in section 16186 of the code.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.603 Application for speech-language pathology license; requirements.

Rule 3. (1) An applicant for a license as a speech-language pathologist shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Possess a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.619.

(b) Have successfully completed a supervised postgraduate clinical experience in speech-language pathology that meets the requirements of R 338.615.

(c) Have passed an examination approved by the board under R 338.605.

(2) If an applicant possesses current certification of clinical competence in speech-language pathology (ccc-slp) from the American speech-language-hearing association (asha), then the applicant presumably meets the requirements of subrule (1)(a), (b), and (c) of this rule.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.605 Examination; adoption; passing score.

Rule 5. The board approves and adopts the praxis series II speech-language pathology examination that is administered by the educational testing service or its successor organization. The board adopts the passing score recommended by the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) for the praxis series II speech-language pathology examination.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.607 Application for limited speech-language pathology license; certified teacher; requirements.

Rule 7. (1) The department may issue a limited license under section 16182(1) of the code.

(2) An applicant who meets the requirements of section 17609(2) of the code shall apply for a limited license as a speech-language pathologist. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, as applicable, an applicant for a limited license shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) Submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department within 2 years of the effective date of this rule.

(b) Establish that the applicant is a certified teacher whose teaching certificate was endorsed on January 12, 2009, in the area of speech and language impairment for the sole purpose of providing speech-language impairment services as part of employment or contract with a school district, nonpublic school, or state department that provides educational services.

(3) A limited license is valid only for employment described in subrule (2)(b) of this rule.

(4) A limited license may be renewed if the limited license holder continues to meet the requirements of subrule (2)(b) of this rule.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.609 Implementation of licensing program.

Rule 9. Effective 2 years from the effective date of this rule, an individual who intends to practice as a speech-language pathologist in Michigan shall possess a Michigan license to practice in this state.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.611 Licensure by endorsement; speech-language pathologist.

Rule 11. (1) An applicant for a license by endorsement as a speech-language pathologist shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant who satisfies the requirements of this rule, as applicable, shall meet the requirements of section 16186 of the code.

(2) If an applicant was first registered or licensed in another state or province of the United States or Canada for 5 years or more immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan license, then the applicant shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) Possess a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.619 or an educational program that meets the requirements of R 338.617(1)(a).

(b) Have passed the praxis series II speech-language pathology examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.605.

(3) If an applicant was first registered or licensed in another state or province of the United States or Canada for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan license, then the applicant shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) Meet the requirements of subrule (2)(a) and (b) of this rule.

(b) Have successfully completed a supervised postgraduate clinical experience in speech-language pathology that meets the requirements of R 338.615.

(4) If an applicant possesses current certification as a speech-language pathologist by the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) or the Canadian association of speech language pathologists and audiologists (caslpa), then the applicant presumably meets the requirements of subrule (2) or (3) of this rule, as applicable.

(5) In addition to meeting the requirements of either subrule (2) or (3) of this rule, as applicable, an applicant's registration or license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state or province of the United States or Canada in which the applicant holds a current registration or license or ever held a registration or license as a speech-language pathologist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.613 Supervised postgraduate clinical experience; educational limited license; requirements.

Rule 13. (1) The department may issue an educational limited license under section 16182(2)(a) of the code.

(2) An applicant for a license as a speech-language pathologist who meets the educational requirements in R 338.603(1)(a) or R 338.617(1)(a) but who still must complete the required supervised postgraduate clinical experience shall submit the required fee and a completed application for an educational limited license on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant for an educational limited license shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) Have documentation provided directly to the department from an educational program verifying the applicant's possession of a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.619 or from an educational program that meets the requirements of R 338.617(1)(a).

(b) Submit a plan for the supervised postgraduate clinical experience on a form provided by the department that is signed by a speech-language pathologist who is licensed and has agreed to supervise the applicant's postgraduate experience.

(3) The supervised postgraduate clinical experience shall comply with both of the following:

(a) The experience shall meet the requirements of R 338.615.

(b) Only experience obtained by an individual who holds an educational limited license in a supervised postgraduate clinical situation approved under R 338.615 shall count toward the experience requirement.

(4) If an individual transfers to a different supervised postgraduate clinical situation, then he or she shall submit a plan for the new supervised postgraduate clinical situation on a form provided by the department that is signed by a speech-language pathologist who is licensed and has agreed to supervise the individual's postgraduate experience.

(5) An educational limited license shall be issued for 2 years and shall not be renewed more than 2 times.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.615 Supervised postgraduate clinical experience; requirements.

Rule 15. (1) The supervised postgraduate clinical experience required for licensure in R 338.603(1)(b) and R 338.617(1)(b) shall consist of 1,260 hours and shall meet the requirements of this rule.

(2) At least 1,008 hours of the 1,260 hours shall consist of clinical contact with the person or population served, regardless of the setting, which includes, but is not limited to, direct client or patient contact, consultations, recordkeeping, and administrative duties.

(3) A supervised postgraduate clinical experience shall be completed under the supervision of a licensed speech language pathologist who holds a full and unlimited license and has no past or pending disciplinary actions.

(4) The supervisor and supervisee in a postgraduate clinical experience shall develop agreed upon outcomes and performance levels for the supervisee and maintain documentation indicating whether the outcomes and performance levels were met by the supervisee.

(5) The supervisor of a supervised postgraduate clinical experience shall engage in a sufficient number of supervisory activities to prepare the supervisee to begin independent practice as a speech language pathologist. Supervisory activities shall include both of the following:

(a) On-site observations of the supervisee engaged in screening, evaluation, assessment, and habilitation or rehabilitation activities. Real time, interactive video and audio conferencing technology may be used to perform on-site observations.

(b) Evaluation of reports written by the supervisee, conferences between the supervisor and supervisee, and discussions with the supervisee's professional colleagues. Correspondence, telephone calls, or review of audio or videotapes may be used to perform this type of supervisory activity.

(6) A supervised postgraduate clinical experience may be fulfilled on a full or part-time basis.

(7) A postgraduate clinical experience approved by the American speech-language-hearing association (asha) qualifies as a postgraduate clinical experience approved by the board.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.617 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; speech-language pathologist; licensure.

Rule 17. (1) An applicant for a speech-language pathology license who graduated from a non-accredited postsecondary institution shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Possess a master's or doctoral degree from an educational program that is substantially equivalent to an accredited educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.619. Evidence of having completed a substantially equivalent educational program includes an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education by a recognized and accredited credential evaluation agency.

(b) Have successfully completed a supervised postgraduate clinical experience in speech-language pathology that meets the requirements of R 338.615.

(c) Have passed the praxis series II examination in speech-language pathology with a score approved by the board under R 338.605.

(d) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall establish either of the following:

(i) The applicant has obtained a score of not less than 570 on the test of English as a foreign language (toefl) administered by the educational testing service and obtained a score of not less than 50 on the test of spoken English administered by the educational testing service.

(ii) The applicant has obtained a total score of not less than 89 on the test of English as a foreign language internet-based test (toefl ibt) administered by the educational testing service and obtained the following section scores:

(A) Not less than 22 on the reading section.

(B) Not less than 22 on the listening section.

(C) Not less than 26 on the speaking section.

(D) Not less than 24 on the writing section.

(2) If an applicant possesses current certification of clinical competence in speech-language pathology (ccc-slp) from the American speech-language-hearing association (asha), then the applicant presumably meets the requirements of subrule (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this rule.

History: 2011 AACCS.

R 338.619 Educational standards; adoption by reference.

Rule 19. (1) The board approves and adopts by reference in these rules the standards of the council on academic accreditation in audiology and speech language pathology (caa) for the accreditation of speech-language pathology education programs in the publication entitled "Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology," which were effective January 1, 2008. Copies of the standards are available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850-3289 at no cost from the association's website at http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/standards_forms.htm. A copy of the standards also is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Speech-Language Pathology, Bureau of Health Professions, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) Any educational program for speech-language pathologists that is accredited by the council on academic accreditation in audiology and speech-language pathology (caa) qualifies as a speech-language pathology educational program approved by the board.

(3) A higher education institution is considered approved by the board if it is accredited by the accrediting body of the region in which the institution is located and the accrediting body meets either the recognition standards and criteria of the council for higher education accreditation or the recognition procedures and criteria of the U.S. department of education. The board adopts by reference the procedures and criteria for recognizing accrediting agencies of the U.S. department of education, effective July 1, 2000, as contained in Title 34, Part 602 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the policies and procedures for recognition of accrediting organizations of the council for higher education accreditation (chea), effective January 23, 2006. Copies of the standards and criteria of the council for

higher education accreditation and the U.S. department of education are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. The chea recognition standards may also be obtained at no cost from the council's website at <http://www.chea.org>. The federal recognition criteria may also be obtained at no cost from the website for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OPE/index.html>.

(4) The board adopts by reference the standards of the following postsecondary accrediting organizations, which are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. Copies of the following standards may be obtained from the individual accrediting organization at the identified cost:

(a) The standards of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, set forth in the document entitled "Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education: Eligibility Requirements and Standards for Accreditation," 2009 edition, which is available at no cost on the association's website at <http://www.msache.org>.

(b) The standards of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, 209 Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 07130, in the document entitled "Standards for Accreditation," 2005 edition, which is available at no cost on the association's website at <http://www.neasc.org>.

(c) The standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, set forth in the document entitled "Handbook of Accreditation," Third Edition, which is available for no cost on the association's website at <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org>.

(d) The standards of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052, set forth in the document entitled "Accreditation Handbook," 2003 edition, updated June 23, 2008, and "Revised Accreditation Standards 2010" which are available at no cost on the commission's website at <http://www.nwccu.org>.

(e) The standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033, set forth in the document entitled "Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement", 2010 Edition, which is available at no cost on the association's website at <http://www.sacscoc.org>.

(f) The standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, set forth in the document entitled "Handbook of Accreditation," October 2008, which is available at no cost on the commission's website at <http://www.wascsenior.org>.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.621 Relicensure.

Rule 21. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code if the applicant submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department and meets either of the following requirements:

(a) Passes the praxis series II examination in speech-language pathology with a score approved by the board under R 338.605.

(b) Presents evidence to the department that he or she was registered or licensed as a speech language pathologist in another state during the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

(3) In addition to meeting the requirements of subrule (1) or (2) of this rule, an applicant's registration or license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current registration or license or ever held a registration or license as a speech language pathologist.

Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.623 Relicensure; certified teachers; limited license.

Rule 23. (1) An applicant whose limited license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

- (a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.
- (b) Meets the requirements of R 338.607(2)(b).

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements of subrule (1) of this rule, an applicant's registration or license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current registration or license or ever held a registration or license as a speech language pathologist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

(3) An applicant whose limited license has lapsed for 3 years or more is not eligible for relicensure but may apply for a full and unlimited license under R 338.603.

History: 2011 AACS.

R 338.625 License required; use of titles or words.

Rule 25. Under section 17603 of the code, an individual shall not use certain titles or similar words that indicate the individual is a speech-language pathologist unless the individual is licensed as a speech-language pathologist. An individual shall not use any of the following similar titles or initials unless the individual is licensed as a speech-language pathologist:

- (a) "Teacher of speech and language impaired."
- (b) "T.S.L.I."
- (c) Any professional titles or initials commonly associated with speech-language pathology.

History: 2011 AACS.