

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The speech language pathologist license type allows a licensee to engage in the practice of speech and language therapy.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain licensure)

APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application for a Speech Language Pathologist Therapist License - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation. Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.
- Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card.):
Speech-Language Pathologist – \$187.40

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS (EXCEPT RENEWAL)

- Criminal Background Check - Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check (except those applicants seeking relicensure if the license expired within the last three years.)
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest, and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.
- Human Trafficking – Beginning March 16, 2021, individuals seeking licensure must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.604 prior to being issued a license. The training must only be completed one time.
- Social Security Number – An individual applying for licensure is required to provide his or her social security number at the time of application. If exempt under law from obtaining an SSN or do not have an SSN, the SSN affidavit form will be required to be uploaded at the time the application is submitted.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be submitted directly to our office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States or country in which you hold or ever held a license. The verification must show that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

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- English Language Proficiency - An individual applying for licensure must demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language. This can be established if either the applicant's required health professional educational program was taught in English, a transcript establishes the applicant earned not less than 60 college level credits from an English-speaking graduate or undergraduate school, or that the applicant obtained a passing score on an approved English proficiency exam as established by the department under [R 338.7002b\(2\)](#) of the Public Health Code – General Rules.
- Implicit Bias Training - Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Professional Education – Name of School Attended and Name of Educational Program Completed
- Verification of current American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certification sent directly to this office. The verification must include your name, the date your certification was issued, the expiration date of your certification and it must specify that your certification was issued in speech-language pathology. The certification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

OR

- Final, Official Transcripts – Transcripts must be submitted directly to our office from the school attended and meet the standards set forth by the Board. Transcripts can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- If the education was taught in a non-accredited postsecondary institution, in place of a transcript from your educational institution, you must submit a full course-by-course credential evaluation of your Speech-Language Pathology education certified by a credentialing agency accredited by NACES. A list of approved credentialing agencies may be found on their website at www.naces.org.
- Post-graduate Clinical Experience Form verifying 9 months (1,260 hours) of supervised post-graduate experience. This form can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- PRAXIS Series II Exam in Speech-Language Pathology must be completed. Please contact ETS to have your score information be made available to our office.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR THOSE LICENSED IN ANOTHER U.S. STATE (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Verification of Licensure – If you hold a current license or ever held a license as a speech language pathologist, verification of licensure will be required to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which you hold or ever held a license. Verification can be emailed

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to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

- Verification of current American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certification sent directly to this office. The verification must include your name, the date your certification was issued, the expiration date of your certification and it must specify that your certification was issued in speech-language pathology. The certification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

OR

- Have the final official transcripts, showing the date the degree was conferred, for a master's or doctoral degree forwarded directly to this office from your educational institution. Transcripts can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
 - If the education was taught in a non-accredited postsecondary institution, in place of a transcript from your educational institution, you must submit a full course-by-course credential evaluation of your Speech-Language Pathology education certified by a credentialing agency accredited by NACES. A list of approved credentialing agencies may be found on their website at www.naces.org.
- Contact ETS and have your PRAXIS Series II Test in Speech-Language Pathology score report sent to the Michigan Board using recipient code 7430.
- Post-graduate Clinical Experience Form verifying 9 months (1,260 hours) of supervised post-graduate experience. This form can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. (The supervised postgraduate clinical experience is only required for endorsement applicants licensed for less than 5 years.)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR THOSE LICENSED IN A PROVINCE OF CANADA (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to ALL Applicants)

- Verification of the completion of the educational requirements for a speech language pathologist license in a province of Canada or another state to obtain licensure as a speech language pathologist in a province of Canada or another state. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing at PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent directly to our office by the licensing agency of any state or province of Canada which you hold or ever held a license as a speech language pathologist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof that the applicant's license is in good standing and, if applicable, any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing at PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- Praxis Series II Examination Scores – Please contact ETS to have your score report for Speech-Language Pathology sent to the Michigan Board using recipient code 7430.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR RELICENSURE (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to All Applicants)

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus. Once logged in, select **Licenses**, select “**Modification**” next to your license number and then select “**Relicensure.**”
- Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card.):
Speech-Language Pathologist Relicensure – \$207.40
- Proof of 20 hours of continuing professional development courses are required to be submitted, including 1 hours in pain and/or symptom management.
- If the Michigan license has been lapsed more than 3 years, the applicant must additionally satisfy one of the following requirements:
 - a) Possess a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) from ASHA
 - b) Presents proof 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.
 - c) Re-takes and passes the PRAXIS Series II Exam in Speech-Language Pathology in the 2 years immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application For Speech Language Pathologist Renewal – Can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus
- License Renewal Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card.):

Speech-Language Pathologist - \$165.40
- Renewal Cycle:

Speech-Language Pathologist – 2 Years
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest, and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking license renewal.
- Disciplinary Question – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to having sanctions imposed against you by a similar licensure, registration, certification, or disciplinary board of another state or country you have not previously reported to the department.

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- Human Trafficking – Beginning in 2018, and all renewals thereafter, licensees seeking renewal must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.604 prior to renewing their license. The training must only be completed one time.
- Implicit Bias Training – For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2021, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. If renewing prior to June 1, 2022, implicit bias training is not required for that renewal. Once the initial renewal is completed, then 1 hour of implicit bias training will be required for each year of the current license cycle going forward. Please note, this is not a one-time training and must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.
- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met all of the following continuing education requirements during the 2-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal:
 - Proof of 20 hours of continuing professional development courses are required to be submitted, including 1 hour in pain and/or symptom management.

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the Speech Language Pathology link you can access the following helpful resources and forms:

Resources:

- [Public Health Code](#)
- [Speech Language Pathology Administrative Rules](#)

Form(s):

- Post Graduate Clinical Experience Form