

Bureau of Professional Licensing Speech-Language Pathology FAQs

1. What type of Speech-Language Pathology license are available?

Applicants currently wishing to obtain licenses may obtain an Educational Limited Temporary License or a full Speech-Language Pathology license. Prior to December 7, 2013, the Department issued limited licenses; however, there are no current exceptions in which an applicant can get a non-educational limited license.

2. How long are Speech-Language Pathology licenses valid? Can I renew my license early? How will I know when I need to renew?

Your initial Speech-Language Pathology license is valid for 2 years. All subsequent renewals will also be valid for 2 years.

Renewal begins 90 days prior to the expiration date of your current license.

Renewal notifications are mailed and emailed to the mailing and email addresses on record 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change. It is a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the Department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

You can renew online by logging into your MiPLUS account at www.michigan.gov/miplus. You may pay your renewal fee by using a debit or credit card containing a Discover, MasterCard, Visa or American Express logo.

3. Do I need to complete continuing education for renewal or relicensure?

Rule 338.629 adds the requirement of 20 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) credits, with at least 1 CPD credit in pain and symptom management for renewal. Only 15 CPDs can be completed through ASHA. The other 5 that are required will need to be completed in another form outlined in the grid located on page 10 of the administrative rules.

Rule 338.621 and 338.623 add the requirement of acquiring not less than 20 CPD credits, with at least 1 CPD credit in pain and symptom management within 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for relicensure for a full or limited license.

Note: .1 ASHA CEU is equivalent to 1.0 CPD for licensure purposes.

4. What do I need to submit for my Speech-Language Pathology Educational Limited Temporary License (aka, clinical fellowship year)? How long can I hold this license?

You will need to submit your application and fee, arrange to have your educational institution send your final official transcripts, and have your supervisor complete and submit the Certificate of Appointment to Clinic Experience form. This license is issued for one 12-month period and cannot be renewed.

5. Can I work without supervision with an Educational Limited Temporary License?

No. If you hold an Educational Limited temporary License, then you are required to be supervised.

The Public Health Code, specifically MCL 333.17609(4), provides that a temporary license may be issued to allow an individual to engage in postgraduate education. Additionally, R 338.613 provides that an applicant may be issued an educational limited temporary license to obtain the required supervised postgraduate clinical experience. Educational limited temporary licenses are only for those whose education did not include 9 months of supervised clinical experience. R 338.615 provides that supervised postgraduate clinical experience must consist of 1,260 hours with at least 1,008 hours consisting of clinical contact, with supervision to occur under a full speech-language pathologist with no past or pending disciplinary actions. Postgraduate clinical experience may be obtained on a full- or part-time basis.

6. Who has limited Speech-Language Pathology licenses?

Applicants who held a teaching certificate that was endorsed in speech and language impairment on January 12, 2009 were issued limited licenses. The purpose for such licenses was to provide speech-language impairment services as part of an employment or contract with a school district, nonpublic school, or state department that provided educational services. These limited licenses will not be reissued if a licensee allows this limited license to lapse 3 or more years – a licensee will be required to apply for a full license. These limited licenses were only issued until December 7, 2013, and no exception to obtain a limited license applies. These licensees do not require supervision nor are they allowed to supervise educational limited licensees.

7. How will the State know how many Continuing Education (CE) credits I have earned?

An applicant for renewal is not required to submit proof of completion of their CE hours. Your renewal is considered an attestation you have met the continuing education requirements. However, licensees shall retain documentation of meeting the requirements for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. If selected for an audit, a licensee is required to submit copies of their documentation, confirming the completion of the CE requirements.

8. When do I have to meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

Beginning with the 2018 renewal cycle, and all renewal cycles thereafter, licensees must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meet

the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.604 in order to renew their license.

Beginning 3/16/2021, individuals seeking initial licensure must have completed human trafficking training prior to obtaining a license as a Speech-Language Pathologist.

Licensees, or individuals seeking licensure, must complete the training in identifying victims of human trafficking only one time. The Department may select an audit sample and request documentation of proof of completion of the training.

9. There have been changes to the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules that require licensees and individuals seeking licensure to complete implicit bias training. When does this take effect?

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.

For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2022, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. 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 training must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.**

The Board conducts a random audit after each renewal period. At that time, a percentage of all licensees renewing will be randomly selected and notified by mail that they must submit evidence of having obtained their implicit bias training. If you are selected in an audit, then you will be required to submit a copy of your implicit bias training documentation. **(Please retain your original.)**

10. Does my Implicit Bias Training count towards my CE hours?

No. This training is in addition to any continuing education training for your profession.

11. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

12. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Speech-language Pathologists?

You may view the [Administrative Rules](#) and other resources on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bplrules.

