

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 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 only good until the next expiration date of your profession (anywhere from 4 months to 1 year). After your first renewal, your license will be valid for 2 years.

Renewal begins approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date of your current license.

Renewal notifications are mailed to the address on record, approximately 60 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.

Licenses are required to renew their license(s) by using the online renewal system at www.michigan.gov/elicense, using a debit or credit card containing a Mastercard, Visa or Discover logo, or by electronic check. **All payments made by electronic check have an automatic 10 day hold place on the license before it will be renewed.**

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

Rule 338.627 adds the requirement of 20 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) credits, with at least 1 CPD credit in pain and symptom management in order to renew. Credit will need to be earned beginning with the 2017 renewal cycle.

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. This will be required for a relicensure application submitted on or after 10/1/2019.

Rule 338.629 lays out the acceptable CPD activities, requirements, and limitations.

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 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 2 years and may be renewed 2 times, for a maximum total of 6 years.

5. Can I work without supervision with an educational limited license?

No. If you hold a full, unlimited Speech-Language Pathology license, then you do not need to be supervised. However, if you hold an educational limited license, then you are required to be supervised.

The Public Health Code, specifically MCL 333.16182(2)(a), provides that an educational limited 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 license to obtain the required supervised postgraduate clinical experience. Educational limited 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 in 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. 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.

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

You may view the current [Administrative Rules](#) and proposed revisions on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.