

## MICHIGAN 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 Occupational Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.*

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### LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

#### APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application for a Speech Language Pathologist License - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation.
- Online applications can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus)
- Application Fee + 2 year license fee: (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card)

Speech Language Pathologist by Exam or Endorsement: \$187.40

#### THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS

- Criminal Background Check – Once the 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).

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- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation and explanation 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](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- 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](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

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- 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 OR CANADA** (These are in addition to the requirements stated above that apply to All applicants)

- Verification of Licensure – For endorsement, you must provide verification as required in the “The Following Applies to All Applicants” Section above. You must hold a current and full speech-language pathologist license in another state or in a province of Canada.
- 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](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

### **OR**

- Have 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](mailto: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, 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](http://www.naces.org).
- Have a passing score on either of the following examinations submitted directly for review:
  - a) 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.

### **OR**

- b) Canada’s Canadian entry-to-practice exam for speech-language pathology

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN EDUCATED OR TRAINED APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED EDUCATION OR TRAINING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES** (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 your 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

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## 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](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
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- 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](mailto: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 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](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus) and selecting **MiPLUS Login**. Once logged in, select “**Modification**” next to your license number and then select “**Relicensure.**”
- Speech Language Pathologist Relicensure Application and Fee: \$207.40 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card)
- Proof of 20 hours of continuing professional development courses are required to be submitted, including 1 hour 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 has a license as a speech language pathologist in another state or province of Canada 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.

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## RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application for Speech Language Pathologist Renewal – Must be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus) no sooner than 90 days prior to the expiration date of current license.
- Speech Language Pathologist Renewal Application Fee: \$165.40 (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit or debit card)
- Renewal Cycle: 2 years
- Good Moral Character Questions - Documentation and explanation 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.
- Human Trafficking – Licensees seeking renewal must certify on their renewal application that prior to renewing their license they have completed a one-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the standards in Administrative Rule 338.604.
- Implicit Bias Training – Licensees and registrants are required to complete 1 hour of implicit bias training for each year of their license or registration cycle. 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](http://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](#)

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. 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](http://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.

### 2. When applying for the full license, do I need to resubmit the same documentation that I already submitted for the educational limited temporary license?

No, any documentation that was a requirement for the limited license will not need to be resubmitted.

### 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 **must** 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. 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.

### 5. 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](http://www.michigan.gov/bpl).