

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
**STANDARD SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN-12
CERTIFICATE**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL-BASED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.

➤ **STANDARD SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN – 12 CERTIFICATE**

The certificate is valid for 12 years and may be renewed.

Requirements for the Standard Speech-Language Pathologist Certificate are:

1. A completed [Application for Certification](#).
2. Appropriate fee (see *Application for Certification*).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card. For more information visit <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>.
4. Option A or B.

A. Coursework and Clinical Experience. (All requirements A-1 through A-3 must be met.):

A-1. A Master's or more advanced degree, from an accredited institution, in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders. Official transcript(s) required.

A-2. A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence, verified by one of the following:

- A letter on official letterhead signed by a university department head or designee verifying completion of required clock hours; **OR**
- A letter signed by a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence verifying completion of required clock hours; **OR**
- A valid American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology. Submit a photocopy of your ASHA membership card **OR** a letter from ASHA verifying a valid certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology.

A-3. Exam or ASHA Membership, verified by one of the following:

- A valid American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology. Submit a photocopy of your ASHA membership card **OR** a letter from ASHA verifying a valid certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology; **OR**
- A passing score on the Education Testing Service National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology. Submit your official score report; **OR**
- A passing score on the Speech and Language Impaired Special Education portion of the Arizona Educator Exam ([NES or AEPA](#)).

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B. Out-of-State Certification:

B-1: The applicant holds a valid, comparable Speech-Language Pathologist certificate from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit **one** of the following:

- A photocopy of your valid, comparable out-of-state Speech-Language Pathologist certificate and the official transcripts documenting completion of the Speech-Language Pathologist degree that qualified you for the out-of-state certificate; **or**
- An official letter from the educator certification office that issued the comparable out-of-state Speech-Language Pathologist certificate verifying that you are in good standing in that state and that your certificate is comparable to a Standard Professional Speech-Language Pathologist certificate.