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).
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).
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.