

REQUIREMENTS FOR
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. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATE MUST BE MET. FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN 30 DAYS. ALL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS, BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

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

The certificate is valid for 6 years and may be renewed with completion of Sixty (60) clock hours of relevant professional development in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, low incidence disabilities, curriculum and instruction, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models.

Requirements for the 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 (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A Master's or more advanced degree, from an accredited institution, in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders. Official transcript(s) required.
5. A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence. Submit **ONE** of the following to document clinical clock hours (Option A, B, or C):
 - A. A letter on official letterhead signed by a university department head or designee verifying completion of required clock hours; **OR**
 - B. A letter signed by a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence verifying completion of required clock hours; **OR**
 - C. 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.
6. **ONE** of the following (Option A, B, or C):
 - A. 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**
 - B. A passing score on the Education Testing Service National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology. Submit your official score report; **OR**
 - C. A passing score on the Speech and Language Impaired Special Education portion of the Arizona Educator Exam ([NES or AEPA](#)).