Requirements for the
Standard Speech – Language Pathologist,
PreKindergarten-12 Certificate

Certificate Information:

This Certificate authorizes the holder as a speech-language pathologist for grades PreK-12. The educator must also hold a valid Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) Speech Pathology license. The educator may not add additional approved areas or endorsements to this certificate. This certificate is valid for 12 years and is renewable.

Administrative Requirement Checklist:

In order for our office to complete a Substantive review the following Administrative requirements must be submitted as described, if not, the processing of your application could be delayed. Application fees are non-refundable.

- Application & Fee: Complete the Application for Certification and submit the appropriate fee.
- IVP Fingerprint Card: Submit a photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint card, (not the paper copy of your prints), with your application.
- Official Transcripts: Request that your university/college submit official transcripts documenting a Master’s degree or more advanced degree directly to certification@azed.gov, or by mail to Arizona Department of Education – Certification Unit, P.O. Box 6490, Phoenix, AZ 85005.
- Foreign Transcripts: Request a course-by-course evaluation completed by an approved Foreign Credential Evaluation Agency to identify the equivalent degree in the United States, and submit them directly to certification@azed.gov.
  - Note: Transcripts submitted by the applicant via the online portal or by email are not considered official.

--One of the following--

- Exams: Copy of your passing AEPA/NEA exam results or appropriate documentation that you qualify for an exam waiver. (See Exam Requirements). If you are using teaching experience, please have your HR complete the Verification of PreK-12 Teaching Experience form and submitted by the HR Department to certification@azed.gov.

--OR--

- Out-of-State Certificate/License: Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate/license with your application.

Substantive Requirement – Coursework

Option A or B

Option A: Coursework and Clinical Experience (all requirements A1-A-3 must be met):
- A-1: A Master’s or more advanced degree from an accredited institution in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders. Required documentation: official transcripts documenting program completion.
- A-2: A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or speech-language pathologist with a certificate 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 ASH membership card OR a letter from Asha verifying a valid certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology of clinical competence in speech pathology.
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- 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 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

Option B: Out-of-State Certification.

- The applicant holds a valid, comparable Speech-Language Pathologist certificate from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Applicants who qualify under this option are not required to meet the exam requirements listed under exam requirements.
  - 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 on letterhead 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.

Pursuant to section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, an agency shall limit all occupational regulations to regulations that are demonstrated to be necessary to specifically fulfill a public health, safety, or welfare concern. Pursuant to sections 41-1093.02 and 41-1093.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, you have the right to petition this agency to repeal or modify the occupational regulation or bring an action in a court of general jurisdiction to challenge the occupational regulation and to ensure compliance with section 41-1093.01, Arizona Revised Statutes

4/22/2021 Requirements may be subject to change and are fully referenced in the Arizona Revised Statutes and Administrative Code. Page 2 of 2
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