

Speech-Language Pathologist Licensure

The following information relates to obtaining or renewing a Minnesota Speech-Language Pathologist License.

First-Time Licensure

To apply for first-time licensure as a speech-language pathologist, an applicant must provide either of the following:

- Evidence of having completed a preparation program in speech-language pathology accredited by the Council on Academic Affairs of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- Evidence holding a valid certificate of clinical competence from the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

This requirement is the result of a Board of Teaching Resolution. For more information on certification [visit the ASHA website](http://www.asha.org) (www.asha.org).

[View Speech-Language Pathologist licensure \(Minn. R. 8710.6000\) on the Revisor's website.](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.6000) (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.6000).

License Renewals

To renew a five-year Minnesota Speech-Language Pathologist License, an applicant must complete 125 hours of professional development approved through the local school district's continuing education committee.

As part of the 125 professional development hours, the Minnesota Legislature, by statute, also requires evidence of training in:

- Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies
- Accommodation, Modification, and Adaptation of Curriculum, Materials, and Instruction
- Key Warning Signs for Early-Onset Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents
- Reading Preparation
- Technology

Note: Speech-Language Pathologists are exempt from the Reflective Statement requirement.

Clock Hour Exemption

Speech-Language Pathologists who hold valid certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) are granted a clock-hour exemption, as approved by a Board of Teaching Resolution. More information can be found in the ["License Renewal Instructions and Registration Guide"](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html) on our website at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html>.

Limited Full-Time License

If an applicant is not eligible for the professional speech-language pathologist license, he/she may be approved for a Limited Full-Time License. This is a temporary, one-year license and gives an applicant time to complete an accredited program or complete the ASHA clinical competence certification process.

- To be eligible for this license, applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree directly related to the professional preparation for speech-language pathologist licensure.
- In addition, the administrator of the employing school district or charter school must verify that no licensed speech-language pathologist has been found to fill the assignment after extensive advertising.

[View Temporary Limited Licenses \(Minn. R. 8710.1250\) on the Revisor's Website.](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1250)

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Limited Intern License

If an applicant is currently enrolled in an ASHA-approved speech-language pathologist program, he/she may apply for a Limited Intern License.

Individuals working under this license:

- Must **not** be filling a vacancy.
- Must work under the direct, day-to-day supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.
- Must hold at least a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology.

In addition, the college or university attended by the applicant must agree to assist and provide supervision to the intern.

[View Limited Intern Licenses \(Minn. R. 8710.1050\) on the Revisor's website.](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1050)

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Variations

The Board of Teaching does not authorize or issue a personnel variance for Speech-Language Pathologists.

[View Personnel Variations \(Minn. R. 8710.1400\) on the Revisor's website.](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1400)

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