

Minnesota – A Dual State: Key Characteristics (from ASHA’s website)

Initial Licensure Requirements

1. For speech language pathology: Master's or doctoral degree from a CAA accredited program. If completing a doctoral program in which a master's degree has not been conferred, an applicant must submit a transcript showing completion of coursework equivalent to or exceeding a master's degree.
2. Complete graduate or doctoral clinical experience required by ASHA, the American Board of Audiology, or an equivalent as determined by the commissioner.
3. Passage of the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.
4. Applicants for licensure by equivalency must possess ASHA CCCs or ABA certification.

Exemptions

1. Any person that is licensed, certified or registered to practice a profession or occupation that is within their scope of practice
2. School personnel licensed by the state board of teaching and practicing within the scope of their school license
3. Students participating in supervised field work or supervised coursework if the person is designated by a title that clearly indicates the person's status as a student trainee
4. Individuals visiting the state and using protected titles while in the state, if the titles are used no more than 30 days in a calendar year as part of professional activity that is limited in scope and duration and is in association with a state licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist

Reciprocity/Endorsement

1. Applicants must provide evidence that the applicant holds a current and unrestricted credential for the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in another jurisdiction that has requirements equivalent to or higher than those in effect in Minnesota.
2. Under this provision, individuals must have maintained the appropriate and unrestricted credentials during the past 5 years as demonstrated by submitting letters of verification to the commissioner.

Interim Practice/Temporary Licensure

1. Clinical fellowship licensure or doctoral externship licensure is required of individuals who have met all qualifications for licensure, have applied for licensure, and are not the subject of a disciplinary action.

2. Clinical fellowship or doctoral externship licensees must practice under licensed supervision or when appropriate under an individual with a Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA or an individual who is board certified by the ABA.
3. Temporary licensure shall be granted to individuals who have submitted a signed and dated affidavit stating that the applicant is not the subject of a disciplinary action and produces a copy of a current credential as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist
or
holds either a Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA or is board certified by ABA; a temporary license expires in 90 days or on the date the commissioner grants or denies licensure, whichever is first.

Continuing Education for Licensure Renewal

An applicant for licensure renewal must meet the requirements for continuing education stipulated by ASHA or the American Board of Audiology

or

must show completion of 30 contact hours of continuing education per 2-year renewal cycle. Dual licensees must complete 36 contact hours.

Support Personnel

1. A licensed speech-language pathologist may delegate duties to a speech-language pathology assistant who has documented with a transcript from an educational institution satisfactory completion of either an associate's degree from a speech-language pathology assistant program accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges or its equivalent as approved by the Commissioner or a bachelor's degree in communication sciences or disorders with additional transcript credit in the area of assistant-level service delivery practices and completion of at least 100 hours of supervised field work experience as a speech-language pathology assistant student.
2. A supervising speech-language pathologist must be state licensed, hold the ASHA CCC or its equivalent as approved by the Commissioner, and have completed at least one continuing education unit in supervision.
3. For the first 90 work days within a 40 hour work week, 30% of the assistant's work must be supervised and at least 20% must be under direct supervision. After the initial 90-day period within a 40 hour work week, 20% must be supervised and at least 10% must be under direct supervision.
4. A supervising speech-language pathologist must be available to communicate with the speech-language pathology assistant at any time the assistant is in direct contact with a client.
5. A full-time speech-language pathologist may supervise no more than one full-time speech-language pathology assistant or the equivalent of one full-time assistant.
6. Any agency or clinic that intends to utilize the services of a speech-language pathology assistant must provide written notification to the client.

Board Oversight

Minnesota Department of Health, Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Advisory Council

Board Composition

The Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council is comprised of 12 persons appointed by the commissioner; there shall be three public members; three licensed speech language pathologists, each of whom is employed in a different employment setting but including one speech-language pathologist who currently and for the previous 5 years has practiced in a state public school; there shall be three audiologists, currently and for 5 years engaged in the practice of audiology and hearing instrument dispensing, each of whom shall be employed in a different employment setting; one nonaudiologist hearing instrument dispenser and one licensed physician certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.

Web site

Licensing Program for Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist

Michigan – A Universal State: Key Characteristics (from ASHA’s website)

Speech Language Pathology

1. Master's or doctoral degree acceptable to the board, from an accredited program approved by the department and the board
2. Nine months or the equivalent of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical experience
3. Passage of an exam acceptable to the board
4. Certified teacher with an endorsement in speech and language impairment and works with the schools must apply for a license on or before January 13, 2011
5. Individuals with ASHA CCCs and who maintain their CCCs must apply for a license on or before January 13, 2011

Exemptions

1. Individuals employed by a regionally accredited college or university and involved in research or teaching of communication disorders, as long as the individual does not engage in the practice of audiology or hold himself/herself out as licensed or otherwise authorized under this article as an audiologist
2. Individuals employed by the department of community health from conducting hearing sensitivity screenings

3. Individuals certified by an agency acceptable to the occupational health standards commission from engaging in hearing screening as part of a hearing conservation program under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act
4. A certified, registered, or otherwise statutorily recognized member of another profession, including a person licensed in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery and an unlicensed person to whom tasks have been delegated under his or her supervision
5. Licensed hearing aid dealers (so long as the individual does not hold himself out to the public as possessing a license issued or title protected under this article)
6. Supervised students in an accredited speech language pathology educational program approved by the board
7. Self-care or uncompensated care by friend or family member

Reciprocity/Endorsement

1. Applicants currently licensed in another state with substantially equivalent requirements or ASHA CCCs or ABA certification will be presumed to meet the education, clinical experience and exam requirements for Michigan as will Canadian audiologists certified by the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists.
2. Speech language pathology applicants may receive a license by endorsement from another state that has licensure requirements substantially equivalent to Michigan's as determined by the board.

Interim Practice/Temporary Licensure

Speech language pathology applicants for a temporary license must possess a master's or doctorate degree and submit a plan for the supervised postgraduate clinical experience signed by a licensed supervisor. Licensure period may not exceed 12 months.

Continuing Education for Licensure Renewal

Twenty clock hours of CE per 2-year period; retain documents for 3 years after renewal; failure to complete CE requirement is considered a violation of the Public Health Code.

Board Oversight

Department of Community Health

Speech Language Pathology Board shall comprise 11 members. Six individuals licensed as speech language pathologists, three public members and two physicians, one of whom is a board-certified otolaryngologist.

Web site

[Michigan Department of Community Health](#)