

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
LICENSING ACT AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of Title 58, Chapter 41, Speech-language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, related to licensing requirements and temporary licenses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies and modifies licensing requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists;
- ▶ provides for the issuance of temporary licenses to individuals who have completed licensing requirements for an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, except for the clinical fellowship year;
- ▶ provides a grandfathering provision; and
- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-41-5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

ENACTS:

58-41-5.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30 REPEALS:

31 **58-41-7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1989, Chapter 207



33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section **58-41-5** is amended to read:

35 **58-41-5. Licensure requirements.**

36 (1) To obtain and maintain a license as ~~[a speech-language pathologist or]~~ an
37 audiologist beginning July 1, 2010, ~~[the]~~ an applicant must:

38 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) submit a completed application in the form and content prescribed by the
39 division and pay a fee to the department in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

40 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) be of good moral character;

41 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) provide the committee with verification~~[-(a) from the educational institutions~~
42 ~~involved;]~~ that the applicant is the legal holder of a clinical doctor's ~~[or master's]~~ degree or
43 AuD, ~~[or its equivalent in the area of speech-language pathology, speech science, or]~~ in
44 audiology, from an accredited university or college, based on a program of studies primarily in
45 the field of ~~[speech-language pathology, speech sciences, or]~~ audiology; ~~[and]~~

46 ~~[(b) that the applicant has had training and experience in treating and managing the~~
47 ~~major communication disabilities identified in speech-language pathology or audiology;]~~

48 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) be in compliance with the regulations of conduct and codes of ethics for the
49 profession of ~~[speech-language pathology and]~~ audiology;

50 ~~[(5)]~~ (e) submit to the board certified evidence of having completed at least one year
51 of professional experience ~~[(f), at least 30 hours per week for an academic year[)],~~ of direct
52 clinical experience in treatment and management of patients~~[- That treatment and~~
53 ~~management shall be],~~ supervised and attested to by one holding ~~[a]~~ an audiologist license
54 under this chapter, the CCC, or their full equivalent; and

55 ~~[(6) submit transcripts to the board from the educational institutions involved;~~
56 ~~indicating a doctor's or master's degree from an accredited program or satisfactory completion~~
57 ~~of at least 90 quarter hours in speech or hearing disorders, of which at least 50 shall be for~~

58 ~~graduate level credit. No less than nine and no more than 12 quarter hours shall be in basic~~
59 ~~and clinical audiology for persons applying for the license in speech-language pathology. No~~
60 ~~less than nine and no more than 12 quarter hours shall be in basic and functional~~
61 ~~speech-language pathology for persons applying for a license in audiology. No more than~~
62 ~~three-quarter hours shall be in thesis or student research, and]~~

63 [~~(7)~~] (f) pass a nationally standardized examination in [~~speech-language pathology or~~
64 audiology which is the same as or equivalent to the examination required for the CCC and
65 with pass-fail criteria equivalent to current ASHA standards[~~-. The~~], and the board may[~~, in its~~
66 ~~discretion;~~] require [~~an~~] the applicant to pass an acceptable practical demonstration of clinical
67 skills to an examining committee of licensed [~~speech-language pathologists~~] audiologists
68 appointed by the board.

69 (2) To obtain and maintain a license as an audiologist prior to July 1, 2010, an
70 applicant shall:

71 (a) comply with Subsections (1)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f); and

72 (b) provide the committee with verification that the applicant has received at least a
73 master's degree in the area of audiology from an accredited university or college, based on a
74 program of studies primarily in the field of audiology, and holds the CCC or its full
75 equivalent.

76 (3) An individual who, prior to July 1, 2010, is licensed as an audiologist under this
77 chapter is, on or after July 1, 2010, considered to hold a current license under this chapter as
78 an audiologist and is subject to this chapter.

79 (4) To obtain and maintain a license as a speech-language pathologist, an applicant
80 must:

81 (a) comply with Subsections (1)(a) and (b);

82 (b) provide the committee with verification that the applicant has received at least a
83 master's degree in speech-language pathology from an accredited university or college, based
84 on a program of studies primarily in the field of speech-language pathology;

85 (c) be in compliance with the regulations of conduct and code of ethics for the

86 profession of speech-language pathology;

87 (d) comply with Subsection (1)(e), except that the supervision and attestation
88 requirement shall be from a licensed speech-language pathologist rather than a licensed
89 audiologist; and

90 (e) pass a nationally standardized examination in speech-language pathology which is
91 the same as or equivalent to the examination required for the CCC and with pass-fail criteria
92 equivalent to current ASHA standards, and the board may require the applicant to pass an
93 acceptable practical demonstration of clinical skills to an examining committee of licensed
94 speech-language pathologists appointed by the board.

95 Section 2. Section **58-41-5.5** is enacted to read:

96 **58-41-5.5. Temporary licenses.**

97 (1) (a) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an audiology
98 license who:

99 (i) has obtained a master's or doctorate degree in audiology prior to July 1, 2010, or a
100 clinical doctorate degree in audiology or AuD, after June 30, 2010; and

101 (ii) is practicing audiology in a year of clinical fellowship.

102 (b) The temporary license is valid for up to 12 months.

103 (2) (a) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for a
104 speech-language pathology license who:

105 (i) has completed all requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist
106 under this chapter, except for Subsection 58-41-5(4)(d); and

107 (ii) is practicing speech-language pathology in a year of clinical fellowship.

108 (b) The temporary license is valid for up to 12 months.

109 Section 3. **Repealer.**

110 This bill repeals:

111 Section **58-41-7, Waiver of specified licensure requirements -- Conditions.**