## 1658 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

- 1658.1 For certification as a speech pathologist, the following shall be required:
  - (a) A master's degree from an accredited institution;
  - (b) Satisfactory completion of a total of seventy-five semester hours of speech and language pathology, audiology and allied fields. Thirty-six of these shall be at the graduate level and designed to develop competencies in the following areas:
    - (1) Speech and language development;
    - (2) Anatomy; physiology of the speech; hearing mechanism;
    - (3) Linguistic and cultural issues affecting multicultural populations;
    - (4) Speech and language disorders (articulation, language, fluency and voice) to include the following;
      - (A) A minimum of six semester hours in speech disorders; and
      - (B) A minimum of six semester hours in language disorders;
    - (5) Clinical procedures in identifying, evaluating and diagnosing speech, language and hearing disorder to include prognosis and recommendations for treatment when indicated;
    - (6) Habilitation and rehabilitation of speech and language disorders;
    - (7) Auditory pathology; and
    - (8) Aural habilitation/rehabilitation; or
    - (9) Any person holding the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology or whose application has been approved by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association will be eligible for licensure without evaluation of individual courses;
  - (c) Twenty-seventy semester hours designed to develop competencies in the following:
    - (1) The anatomic and physiological bases for normal development and use of speech, language, and hearing;
    - (2) The physical bases and processes of the production and perception of speech, language and hearing (i.e., acoustics or physics of sound, phonology and phonetics);
    - (3) Linguistic and psycholinguistic variables related to normal development and use of speech, language and hearing;

	(4)	Biological/Physical Sciences;		
	(5)	Mathem	natics; and	
	(6)	Behavio	ral and Social Sciences.	
(d)	Twelve	semester hours in allied fields or speech language oraudiology.		
(e)	Additionally, satisfactory completion of a minimum of 350 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum is required. 250 of which shall obtained at the graduate level. A minimum of 250 clock hours shall be in speech pathology and encompass the following:			
	(1) Evaluation of speech disorder		on of speech disorders:	
		(A)	Children (20 clock hours); and	
		(B)	Adults (20 clock hours);	
	(2)	Evaluation of language disorders:		
		(A)	Children (20 clock hours); and	
		(B)	Adults (20 clock hours);	
	(3)	Treatment of speech disorders:		
		(A)	Children (20 clock hours); and	
		(B)	Adult (20 clock hours);	
	(4)	Treatment of language disorders:		
		(A)	Children (20 clock hours); and	
		(B)	Adults (20 clock hours);	
	(5)	A minimum of 35 clock hours must be in audiology and encompass the following:		

- Evaluation and treatment of speech and language (A) disorders associated with hearing impairments (a minimum of 15 clock hours); and
- Evaluation of audiology disorder (a minimum of 15 (B) clock hours); and
- (6) The remaining clock hours may be obtained in speech pathology or audiology.

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