

1663 SCHOOL AUDIOLOGIST

1663.1 For certification as an audiologist, the following shall be required:

- (a) A master's degree from an accredited institution;
- (b) Satisfactory completion of a total of 75 semester hours in audiology and allied fields. 36 of these shall be at the graduate level and designed to develop competencies in the following:
 - (1) Speech and language development;
 - (2) Anatomy and physiology of the hearing mechanism;
 - (3) Linguistic and cultural issues affecting multicultural populations;
 - (4) Auditory pathology:
 - (A) A minimum of six semester hours in hearing disorders and hearing evaluations; and
 - (B) A minimum of six semester hours in habilitative and rehabilitative procedures;
 - (5) Clinical procedures in identifying, evaluating and diagnosing hearing disorders to include prognosis and recommendations for treatment when indicated;
 - (6) Aural habilitation/rehabilitation;
 - (7) Speech and language disorders not associated with hearing impairments; or
 - (8) Any person holding the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology 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) 27 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) Alternative forms of communications (i.e., manual sign, cued speech, or oral-aural method);
 - (5) Psychological and emotional problems associated with hearing impairments;
 - (6) Mathematics;
 - (7) Biological and physical sciences;
 - (8) Behavioral and social sciences; and
 - (9) Three semester hours in related coursework.
- (d) 12 semester hours in allied fields of audiology and or speech language; and
- (e) Additionally, satisfactory completion of a minimum of 350 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum shall be required. 250 clock hours shall be obtained at the graduate level. A minimum of 250 shall be in audiology and encompass the following:
 - (1) Evaluation of hearing disorders:
 - (A) Children (40 clock hours); and

- (B) Adults (40 clock hours).
- (2) Selection and use of amplification systems and assistive devices including a total of 80 clock hours in the following:
 - (A) Children (10 clock hours minimum); and
 - (B) Adults (10 clock hours minimum).
- (3) Treatment of hearing disorders;
 - (A) Children (20 clock hours); and
 - (B) Adults (20 clock hours).
- (4) A minimum of 35 clock hours in speech pathology to include the evaluation and treatment of speech and language problems not related to hearing impairment; and
- (5) The remaining clock hours may be obtained in audiology or speech pathology.

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