

## New York State Guidelines

The State of New York mandates licensure for individuals practicing within the field of SLP. Individuals who provide speech services in a public school in New York State must also hold “Teacher Certification” as a TSSLD, which requires additional courses and filings beyond the standard State regulations. State regulations to practice as a speech-language pathologist include:

- be of good moral character;
- be at least 21 years of age;
- meet education requirements;
- meet examination requirements; and
- meet experience requirements.

**Education Requirements:** You must have obtained a graduate degree in SLP from a New York State registered licensure qualifying program, a program accredited by ASHA, or the equivalent. Your educational program must culminate with 75 semester hours of courses (at least 36 of the 75 semester hours must be at the graduate level) and the educational program must include a clinical practicum. Students who wish to obtain TSSLD must complete a school-based clinical practicum.

**Requirements:**

**Human Communication Processes and Sciences [12 hours]:** normal anatomy and physiology of speech and swallowing; cognitive and linguistic bases of language; and neural bases of speech, hearing, language and swallowing.

**Professional Practice Areas in SLP [36 hours]:** articulation/phonology; fluency; voice and resonance; receptive and expressive language; literacy; hearing; and swallowing.

**Additional content or related areas [27 hours]:** may add to above course requirements or related courses in audiology/aural rehabilitation; cognitive/psychosocial aspects of communication; cleft palate/craniofacial anomalies; augmentative and alternative communication; research methodology; counseling; professional issues; ethics; and infection control issues related to the prevention of communication disorders.

**Practicum in SLP:[400 clock hours under supervision]:** including at least 375 clock hours in direct client contact; at least 25 clock hours in clinical observation; at least 325 hours at the graduate level.

**Post-Master’s Work Experience:** You must complete a minimum of 36 weeks of supervised experiences in SLP. The experience cannot begin until after all requirements for the graduate degree are satisfied. The supervised experience must be completed within a four-year period with not more than two employers, and may be full-time or part-time. Full-time: At least 36 weeks of continuous employment consisting of at least 35 hours per week. Part-time: continuous period of employment of not less than six months, accumulated at the rate of not less than two days per week and consisting of not less than 12 hours per week with any one employer.

**Examination Requirements:** You must pass the Specialty Area test of the Praxis Series, Praxis II, administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in your licensure area. New York State’s acceptable passing score is 600. Request ETS scores to be sent to agency code **R7747**. The Praxis exam must be taken prior to graduation, and scores must be sent to the Graduate Program to be eligible for graduation.

You must file an Application for Licensure and the other forms indicated on the New York State Education website, along with the appropriate fee. For more information, please see

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/slpa/speechlic.htm>