

***Iowa Public School Speech-Language Pathologists
Two Licensure Options to Work in the Schools
Board of Educational Examiners Licensure & Department of Public Health***

Licensure options to work in the schools

Option 1: Board of Educational Examiners

- 1a. Professional Service License
- 1b. Statement of Professional Recognition

Option 2: Department of Public Health

Option 1

1a. Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE)

Licensing Board: Educational Examiners

Applicability: With this endorsement individuals are authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to students from birth to age 21.

Note: Persons holding the **Professional Service License** from the Board of Educational Examiners are **not** licensed to practice outside the school setting. Department of Public Health licensure is required for **all** private practice.

Requirements for Board of Educational Examiners licensure:

- Possess a master's degree in speech-language pathology from an accredited college or university.
- Complete at least 20 semester hours of coursework in the professional education sequence, including student teaching/internship as a school speech-language pathologist.
 - Courses in the following areas may be recognized for fulfilling the 20-hour sequence:
 - Curriculum Courses (e.g., reading, methods, curriculum development)
 - Foundations (e.g., philosophy of education, foundations of education)
 - Educational measurements (e.g., school finance, tests and measurements, measures and evaluation of instruction)
 - Educational psychology (e.g., educational psychology, educational psychology measures, principles of behavior modification)
 - Courses in special education (e.g., introduction to special education, learning disabilities)
 - Child Development Courses (e.g., human growth and development, principles and theories of child development, histories and theories of early childhood education)
- *General education courses (e.g., introduction to psychology, sociology, history, literature, humanities) will not be credited toward fulfillment of the required 20 hours.
- The applicant must complete an approved human relations component.
- The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

Cost: \$160 for **Initial Professional Service License** application (Iowa institution); \$220 for **Initial Professional Service License** application (out of state preparation); \$85 for Conversion from an **Initial** to a **Full Professional Service License**; \$86 for renewal of a **Professional Service License** every 5 years.

- Individuals may convert their **Initial Professional Service License** to a **Full Professional Service License** with completion of a 2 year mentoring program, has 2 full years of work experience, meets or exceeds all Iowa Teaching Standards as modified to meet the standards of

the profession, and is recommended for a Full Professional Service License.
(Superintendent/AEA Director's signature NOT required).

Renewal requirements: a minimum of **4** renewal credits (college credit, staff development credit, or other activities meeting Board of Educational Examiners' criteria) in the **five** years preceding renewal, copy of the Child/Adult Dependent Abuse training certification no older than 5 years, application for renewal of Professional Service License.

1b. ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF AUTHORIZATION (STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION, SPR) TO PRACTICE AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN THE SCHOOLS

- For those who have completed the master's degree in speech-language pathology but have **not** completed the education sequence or choose not to be licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners, a **Statement of Professional Recognition (SPR)** must be obtained from the Board of Educational Examiners.
- To obtain the **SPR**, the Director of Special Education of the area education agency wishing to employ the speech-language pathologist must submit a letter requesting that the **SPR** be issued, and the speech-language pathologist must have a current DPH license.
- An official transcript reflecting the master's degree in speech-language pathology is needed.
- For the SPR to continue to be valid, the DPH license must be maintained and the speech-language pathologist must complete an approved course in human relations before the start of the next school year.

Cost: \$160 for an **Initial SPR** application; \$86 for renewal every 5 years.

Renewal requirements: verify proof of valid license through Iowa Department of Public Health (copy of updated license with expiration date), copy of the Child/Adult Dependent Abuse training certification no older than 5 years, application for renewal for SPR.

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Option 2

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Licensing Board: Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners

Applicability: This license is required for all individuals engaged in the practice of speech pathology as defined in Iowa Code, Chapter 147.

The requirement to hold this license does not apply to persons licensed/certificated by the Board of Educational Examiners as Speech-Language Pathologists while acting within the scope of their school employment.

Note: Persons holding **only** the **DPH** license are **not** licensed to practice within the school setting. Board of Educational Examiners authorization in the form of licensure of **SPR** (see above) **is required** for all individuals practicing speech-language pathology within the schools. *See option 1b.

Requirements for Department of Public Health licensure:

- Possess a master's degree or its equivalent from an accredited school, college, or university with a major in speech pathology.
- Show evidence of completion of not less than 400 hours of supervised clinical training in speech pathology as a student in an accredited school, college, or university.
- Prior to beginning employment, submit a **Supervised Clinical Experience Plan**. After nine months full time employment (or equivalent), submit a **Supervised Clinical Experience Report**.
- Passing score on the Praxis Exam.

OR

- Have been granted the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (a copy of your ASHA card must be made and notarized).

Cost: \$120 for **Temporary Clinical License**; \$120 for **Permanent License**; \$96 for renewal every two years.

Renewal requirements: Completion of 30 clock hours of continuing education during the two-year period preceding license renewal.

Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners Contact Info:

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Des Moines, IA 50319-0075
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SLP Licensure Requirements

OPTION 1 Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE)	OPTION 2 Department of Public Health Licensing Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners
<p>The Iowa Special Education Rules (2007) provide a general description of SLP licensure requirements. [IAC 282-15]</p> <p>Option 1a. Professional Service License</p> <p>Applicability: With this endorsement individuals are authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to students from birth to age 21.</p> <p>Note: Persons holding the Professional Service License from the Board of Educational Examiners are not licensed to practice outside the school setting. Department of Public Health licensure is required for all private practice.</p> <p>Requirements for Board of Educational Examiners licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a master's degree in speech-language pathology from an accredited college or university. • Complete at least 20 semester hours of coursework in the professional education sequence, including student teaching/internship as a school speech-language pathologist. • The applicant must complete an approved human relations component. • The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with 	<p>The Iowa Department of Public Health Professional Licensure Rules provide specific descriptions of SLP supervision requirements. [IAC 645-300]</p> <p>Option 2 Department of Public Health (DPH) License</p> <p>Applicability: This license is required for all individuals engaged in the practice of speech pathology as defined in Iowa Code, Chapter 147.</p> <p><i>The requirement to hold this license does not apply to persons licensed/certificated by the Board of Educational Examiners as Speech-Language Pathologists while acting within the scope of their school employment.</i></p> <p>Note: Persons holding only the DPH license are not licensed to practice within the school setting. Board of Educational Examiners authorization in the form of licensure of SPR is required for all individuals practicing speech-language pathology within the schools. *See option 1b.</p> <p>Requirements for Department of Public Health licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a master's degree or its equivalent from an accredited school, college, or university with a major in speech pathology. • Show evidence of completion of not less than 400 hours of supervised clinical training in speech pathology as a student in an accredited school, college, or university.

<p>disabilities and the gifted and talented.</p> <p>Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$160 for Initial Professional Service License application (Iowa institution); • \$223 for Initial Professional Service License application (out of state preparation); • \$86 for Conversion from an Initial to a Full Professional Service License; • \$86 for renewal of a Professional Service License every 5 years. <p>*Individuals may convert their Initial Professional Service License to a Full Professional Service License with completion of a 2 year mentoring program, has 2 full years of work experience, meets or exceeds all Iowa Teaching Standards as modified to meet the standards of the profession, and is recommended for a Full Professional Service License. (Superintendent/AEA Director's signature NOT required).</p> <p>Renewal requirements: a minimum of 4 renewal credits (college credit, staff development credit, or other activities meeting Board of Educational Examiners' criteria) in the five years preceding renewal, copy of the Child/Adult Dependent Abuse training certification no older than 5 years, application for renewal of Professional Service License.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to beginning employment, submit a Supervised Clinical Experience Plan. After nine months full time employment (or equivalent), submit a Supervised Clinical Experience Report. • Passing score on the Praxis Exam. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been granted the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (a copy of your ASHA card must be made and notarized). <p>Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$120 for Temporary Clinical License; • \$120 for Permanent License; • \$96 for renewal every two years. <p>Renewal requirements: Completion of 30 clock hours of continuing education during the two-year period preceding license renewal.</p> <p>Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners Contact Information: Bureau of Professional Licensure Iowa Department of Public Health Lucas State Office Bldg., 5th Floor 321 East 12th Street Des Moines, IA 50319-0075 Phone (515) 281-0254 FAX (515) 281-3121 Online Licensure Services: https://ibpllicense.iowa.gov</p>
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Option 1b. Statement of Professional Recognition (SPR) :

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<p>training certification no older than 5 years, application for renewal for SPR.</p> <p>Board of Educational Examiners</p> <p>Contact Information:</p> <p>Mike Cavin, Consultant Special Education Licensure, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Iowa Department of Education Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, IA 50319-0146 515-281-3437 email: Mike.Cavin@iowa.gov http://www.boee.iowa.gov</p>	
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