

Speech-Language Specialist

Speech-Language Specialists screen, evaluate, diagnose, treat, and consult on disorders of communication. They identify, diagnose, and treat individuals who have communication disorders. This may include disorders of speech, articulation, fluency, voice, verbal and written language, auditory comprehension, cognition communication and swallowing disorders. These specialists are professional employees of a school district and must be certified as educators.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 507.23

Certification Requirements

- Submit application for certification and non-refundable application fee
- Hold a Master’s degree in speech-language pathology or communication sciences and disorders from an approved college or university
- Alternative methods of qualification for certification:
 - Alternative 1:* Completion of an approved program of professional preparation in speech-language pathology or communication sciences and disorders
 - Alternative 2:* Completion of a comparable program outside of New Hampshire
 - Alternative 4:* Individualized Professional Development Plan, which must include completion of a Master’s degree in communications disorders
- Any person licensed in the State of New Hampshire as a speech-language pathologist by the New Hampshire Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board shall be considered to have met the requirements

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Program Support
 New Hampshire Department of Education
 101 Pleasant Street
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Examination

Initial certification requires passing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test (PPST) and PRAXIS II, if applicable. The State Board has approved a composite score option for PRAXIS I. Candidates must have an overall score of 518 or higher and a minimum passing score of 172 for Reading; 170 for Writing; and 170 for Mathematics. PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exemptions are allowed for educators with either a Master’s degree or higher, or who have seven or more years of educational experience under a credential issued by another state.

Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 75 clock hours (or alternative to clock hours) in the school district and/or school administrative unit staff development plan during the three-year certification period plus another 30 hours for each additional endorsement

Fees

Three-year certificate	\$130.00
Three-year renewal.	\$130.00
Late filing fee	\$50.00

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Reciprocity

Permitted with over 41 states according to the provisions of the Interstate Contract

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist; Audiology/Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist; Communication Sciences and Disorders

O*Net Codes

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Additional Information Sources

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
<www.asha.org>

National Council of State Boards of Examiners
for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
<www.ncsb.info>