

School Speech-Language Specialist

School 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.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186

Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 500

Certification Requirements

- Hold a Master's degree in speech-language pathology or communication sciences and disorders from an approved college or university
- Qualify through one of the available Alternative Pathways for licensure described on NH Department of Education webpage.

There are multiple levels of credentials, each with varying requirements:

• Intern Authorization

- Have met the requirements for a Statement of Eligibility
- Currently be employed in the field of education in a New Hampshire public or non-public school
- Intern authorization are granted for the duration of the individualized professional development plan or the site-based certification plan
- Educators who hold a valid intern authorization receive a beginning educator license after the Bureau approves the required report of completion under the individualized professional development plan or superintendent's statement regarding completion of the site-based certification plan

• Beginning Educator License

- Beginning educator licenses are issued for an initial period of three years
- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be "effective" or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.

• Experienced Educator License

- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be "effective" or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.
- An experienced educator credential shall be issued for three years

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Educator Support and Higher Education

New Hampshire Department of Education

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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Examination

Not required

Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 45 Professional Education continuing education units and 30 continuing education units per endorsement during the three-year licensure period.

Reciprocity

Permitted in accordance with the NASDTEC Interstate Contract

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

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

Fees

Three-year licensure \$120.00
Three-year renewal. \$120.00

Additional fees vary by pathway for licensure and number of endorsements applied for.

Exam fees are set by each testing company.

O*Net Codes

29-1127.00 Speech-Language Pathologists

Additional Information Sources

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)
<www.nasdtec.org>

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

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