

# RULE

## Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Rules Repeal/Repromulgation  
(LAC 46:LXXV.Chapters 1-7)

The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology hereby repeals and repromulgates its rules and regulations, to comply with R.S. 37:2650 et seq.

### Title 46

### PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

### Part LXXV. Speech Pathology and Audiology

#### Chapter 1. General Rules

#### §103. Definitions

As used in these regulations, the following terms and phrases, which have not already been defined in Title 37, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 2651-2666, shall have the meanings specified.

*Assistant Licensee*—an individual who meets the qualifications established by LSA R.S. 37:2659(D)(1),(2), and works under the direct supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist and performs only those duties specified in §107.

*Direct Supervision*—on-site, in-view observation and guidance during performance of a clinical activity which includes but cannot be limited to the utilization of alternative methods to obtain knowledge of a supervisee's clinical work. *Full-time Employment/Experience*—a minimum of 30 clock hours per week.

*Graduate Training Clinical Practicum Hours*—a combination of undergraduate and graduate clinical practicum hours that culminate with a graduate degree or its equivalent.

*Hearing Screening*—consists of pure-tone air conduction screening and screening tympanometry for the purpose of the initial identification and/or referral of individuals with suspected hearing problems and/or middle ear pathology.

*On-Site, In-View Observation*—the supervisor observing the licensee engaging in a specified clinical activity with his/her patient/client. The supervisor shall accomplish this task either by being physically present in the room or through the use of a live video monitor.

*Part-time Employment/Experience*—less than 30 clock hours per week.

*Provisional Assistant Licensee*—an individual who meets the qualifications established in LSA R.S. 37:2659(E) and works under the direct supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist and performs only those duties specified in §107. This person has completed a minimum of 100 of 225 supervised clinical practicum hours and is working to complete the remaining hours on-the-job and/or through a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs.

*Supervised On-the-Job Training*—only those hours which have been supervised on-site, in-view and documented on the form provided by the board.

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#### §105. Designations

A. Individuals licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology may use the following designations when listing their credentials:

1. L-SLP #0000 - Speech-Language Pathologist;
2. L-AUD #0000 - Audiologist;
3. PL-AUD #0000 - Provisional Audiologist;
4. PL-SLP #0000 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist;
5. R-SLP #0000 - Restricted Speech-Language Pathologist.

B. Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistants shall list their full license title when listing their credentials, e.g., B.A., SLP Assistant.

C. When listing credentials, licensees should sequentially list their name, educational designation and license designation.

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#### §107. Qualifications for Licensure

A. Coursework Requirements: Audiology License and Provisional Audiology License. The following

coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a *MASTER'S PROGRAM AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994*.

1. The applicant shall submit transcripts from one or more regionally accredited colleges or universities evidencing completion of at least 75 semester hours of coursework which constitutes a well-integrated program that includes at least:

- a. six semester credit hours in biological/physical sciences and mathematics;
- b. six semester credit hours in behavioral and/or social sciences;
- c. 15 semester credit hours in basic human communication processes to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and the linguistic and psycholinguistic aspects;

2.a. 36 semester credit hours of professional coursework in audiology:

- i. 6 in hearing disorders and hearing evaluation;
  - ii. 6 in habilitative/rehabilitative procedures;
  - iii. 6 semester credit hours in speech-language pathology;
- b. 30 of the 36 semester credit hours shall be in courses for which graduate credit was received; 21 of the 30 semester hours shall be in the area of audiology;

c. a maximum of 6 academic semester credit hours associated with clinical practicum may be counted toward the minimum of 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework, but those hours may not be used to satisfy the minimum of 6 semester credit hours in hearing disorders/evaluation, 6 hours in habilitative/rehabilitative procedures, or 6 hours in speech-language pathology, or the 21 graduate credits in the professional area for which the license is sought.

B. The following coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a *MASTER'S PROGRAM PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1994*:

1. The applicant shall submit transcripts from one or more regionally accredited colleges or universities evidencing completion of at least 60 semester hours of coursework which constitutes a well-integrated program that includes at least 12 semester credit hours in basic human communication processes to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and the linguistic and psycholinguistic aspects;

2.a. 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework in audiology\*:

- i. 6 in hearing disorders and hearing evaluation;
  - ii. 6 in habilitative/rehabilitative procedures;
  - iii. 6 semester credit hours in speech-language pathology;
- b. 21 of the 30 semester credit hours shall be in courses for which graduate credit was received;
- c. A maximum of 6 academic semester credit hours associated with clinical practicum may be counted toward the minimum of 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework, but those hours may not be used to satisfy the minimum of 6 semester credit hours in hearing disorders/evaluation, 6 hours in habilitative/rehabilitative procedures, or 6 hours in speech-language pathology, or the 21 graduate credits in the professional area for which the license is sought.

\*If seeking licensure in both speech-language pathology and audiology, at least 15 graduate level semester hours in each area are required.

C. Coursework Requirements: Speech-Language Pathology License and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License. The following coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a *MASTER'S PROGRAM AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994*.

1. The applicant shall submit transcripts from one or more regionally accredited colleges or universities evidencing completion of at least 75 semester hours of coursework which constitutes a well-integrated program that includes at least:

- a. 6 semester credit hours in biological/physical sciences and mathematics;
- b. 6 semester credit hours in behavioral and/or social sciences;
- c. 15 semester credit hours in basic human communication processes to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and the linguistic and psycholinguistic aspects;

2.a. 36 semester credit hours of professional coursework in speech-language pathology:

- i. 6 in speech disorders;
  - ii. 6 in language disorders;
  - iii. 6 in audiology;
- b. 30 of the 36 semester credit hours shall be in courses for which graduate credit was received; 21 of the 30 semester

hours shall be in the area of speech-language pathology;

c. a maximum of 6 academic semester credit hours associated with clinical practicum may be counted toward the minimum of 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework, but those hours may not be used to satisfy the minimum of 6 semester credit hours in speech disorders, 6 hours in language disorders, or 6 hours in audiology, or the 21 graduate credits in the professional area for which the license is sought.

D. The following coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a *MASTER'S PROGRAM PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1994*:

1. The applicant shall submit transcripts from one or more regionally accredited colleges or universities

evidencing completion of at least 60 semester hours of coursework which constitutes a well-integrated program that includes at least 12 semester credit hours in basic human communication processes to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and the linguistic and psycholinguistic aspects;

2.a. 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework in speech-language pathology:\*

- i. 6 in speech disorders;
- ii. 6 in language disorders;
- iii. 6 in audiology;

b. 21 of the 30 semester credit hours shall be in courses for which graduate credit was received;

c. A maximum of 6 academic semester credit hours associated with clinical practicum may be counted toward the minimum of 30 semester credit hours of professional coursework, but those hours may not be used to satisfy the minimum of 6 semester credit hours in speech disorders, 6 hours in language disorders, or 6 hours in audiology, or the 21 graduate credits in the professional area for which the license is sought.

\*If seeking licensure in both speech-language pathology and audiology, at least 15 graduate level semester hours in each area are required.

E. Coursework Requirements: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

1. A bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology from a regionally accredited institution fulfills the coursework requirements of the board.

2. If the bachelor's degree is not in speech-language pathology, the degree program should include the following core coursework. A total of 39 hours shall be obtained in the following areas. Thirty-six of the hours are required and are followed by an \*.

3. Basic Requirements:

- a. Educational and/or Psychological Tests and Measurements: 3 semester hours\*;
- b. Psychology/Sociology/Multicultural Studies (some combination): 6 semester hours\*.

4. Basic Professional Courses:

- a. American Phonetics: 3 semester hours\*;
- b. Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism: 3 semester hours\*;
- c. Normal Speech and Language Acquisition (to include Cultural and Regional Variations): 3 semester hours\*;
- d. Clinical Methods and Procedures in Speech-Language-Hearing Therapy: 3 semester hours\*.

5. Speech and Language Disorders:

- a. Survey of Exceptionalities/Introduction to Communication Disorders: 3 semester hours\*;
- b. Articulation Disorders: 3 semester hours\*;
- c. Language Disorders: 3 semester hours\*;
- d. Disorders of Rhythm (to include Stuttering): 3 semester hours;
- e. Voice Disorders: 3 semester hours;
- f. Diagnostic Processes in Communication Disorders: 3 semester hours;
- g. Clinical Practicum in Communication Disorders: 3 semester hours\*.

(additional credit may be obtained as an elective)

6. Hearing and Hearing Disorders:

- a. Introduction to Audiology: 3 semester hours\*;
- b. Aural Rehabilitation: 3 semester hours;
- c. Introduction to Education of the Hearing Impaired: 3 semester hours.

F. Master's Equivalency Requirements: Speech-Language Pathology, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology or Provisional Audiology License. Individuals who do not possess a master's degree in either speech-language pathology or audiology but wish to obtain a license through the equivalency process shall meet the coursework, practicum and examination requirements for the area in which licensure is sought as defined in the board's rules entitled Coursework Requirements:Audiology License and Provisional Audiology License; Coursework Requirements:Speech-Language Pathology License and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License; Clinical Practicum Hour Requirements and Examination Requirement.

G. Clinical Practicum Hour Requirements. An individual shall submit official documentation from a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs, verifying supervised clinical practicum hours as follows:

1. Speech-Language Pathology and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Licenses:
  - a. 300 clinical practicum hours if master's program began prior to January 1, 1994;
  - b. 375 clinical practicum hours if master's program began after January 1, 1994.
2. Audiology and Provisional Audiology Licenses:
  - a. 300 clinical practicum hours if master's program began prior to January 1, 1994;
  - b. 375 clinical practicum hours if master's program began after January 1, 1994.
3. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License:

a. 225 clinical practicum hours are required, the first 100 of which shall have been obtained through a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs. Of the 100 hours obtained through a regionally accredited educational institution, 75 shall be obtained with direct patient/client contact, and the remaining 25 hours may be obtained through observation of testing and therapy. It is recommended that the direct patient/client contact hours be obtained in at least two practicum sites with one site being a public school setting. The first 75 hours of direct patient/client contact shall be obtained in the following categories:

- i. minimum of 20 hours in articulation disorders;
- ii. minimum of 20 hours in language disorders;
- iii. the remaining 35 hours may be obtained in the areas of articulation disorders, language disorders or distributed among other disorders;

b. The remaining 125 hours may have been obtained on-the-job and/or through a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs.

4. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License:

a. A minimum of 100 clinical practicum hours which have been obtained through a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs as defined in §107.G.3 are required.

b. The additional 125 hours required to upgrade to the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License shall be obtained within three years of the date of issuance of the provisional assistant license and may be obtained by completing the remaining hours on-the-job and/or through a regionally accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs. Supervised on-the-job training which counts toward upgrading the license status will only be accepted from the date that the application for license is acknowledged to have been received by the board.

H. Examination Requirement: Speech-Language Pathology License, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License, Audiology License, Provisional Audiology License

1. The board recognizes only the Educational Testing Service's specialty area examinations for speech-language pathology and audiology as the licensure examination for speech-language pathology and/or audiology.

2. The passing score for the speech-language pathology area examination is a minimum score of 600.

3. The passing score for the audiology area examination is a minimum score of 600.

4. The examination requirement shall be waived upon request by any applicant who is currently certified by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a specialist of speech-language pathology and who is currently employed in a school setting.

I. Duties: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License

1. All duties performed by the Assistant Speech-Language Pathology Licensee or Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Licensee shall be supervised in accordance with the rules and regulations specified by the board. Caseload assignments shall be consistent with the knowledge base and training of the licensee for the performance of the following tasks:

a. conduct speech-language screenings and assessments without interpretation, following specified protocols as approved by the supervising speech-language pathologist. All screening and assessment reports shall be co-signed and interpreted by the supervising speech-language pathologist;

b. perform hearing screenings limited to a pass/fail determination, for the purpose of initial identification of disorders, following specified protocols as approved by the supervising speech-language pathologist;

c. provide direct treatment which is within the level of training and experience as determined by the supervising speech-language pathologist to a caseload of patients/clients who demonstrate communication disorders. Supervision of treatment shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations specified by the board;

d. follow treatment plans or protocols as approved by the supervising speech-language pathologist. Documentation of the supervising speech-language pathologist's approval shall be kept on file prior to implementation of treatment plans or protocols;

e. document patient/client progress toward meeting established objectives as stated in the treatment plan, and report this information to the supervising speech-language pathologist;

f. schedule activities, prepare charts, records, graphs, or otherwise display data;

g. perform checks and maintenance of equipment;

h. participate with the supervising speech-language pathologist in parent conferences, case conferences, interdisciplinary team conferences, research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs, if the provisional assistant licensee has not completed the required 225 practicum hours;

i. participate in parent conferences, case conferences, interdisciplinary team conferences, research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs, provided the licensee has completed the 225 practicum hours.

2. Duties Outside the Scope of Practice of a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Licensee and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant shall not:

- a. perform clinical tasks without the knowledge and approval of the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- b. interpret test results;
- c. work with a communication or related disorder unless s/he has had sufficient coursework with appropriate supervised practicum in that area;
- d. provide patient/client or family counseling;
- e. select and/or discharge patients/clients for services without the approval of the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- f. disclose clinical or confidential information either orally or in writing to anyone not designated by the supervising speech-language pathologist and without the authorization of the patient/client or their designee;
- g. make referrals for additional services without the approval of the supervising speech-language pathologist.

J. Restricted License Qualifications

1. In order to reinstate a restricted license to practice speech-language pathology held prior to August 15, 1995, an applicant shall:

- a. hold a bachelor's degree with a major in speech pathology, together with a current Type A B, or C teaching certificate issued by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or their equivalent as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education certifying the applicant as a specialist of speech, language and hearing; and
- b. submit evidence of completion of his/her clock hours of supervised, direct clinical experience with persons having a variety of communication disorders. This experience shall be obtained through a training institution or its cooperating programs.

2. Restricted Licensees in Speech-Language Pathology are permitted to practice in Louisiana only while under the direct supervision of a Louisiana licensed Speech-Language Pathologist.

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**§109. Requirements to Upgrade License**

A. The Provisional Speech-Language Pathology or Provisional Audiology licensee who has not passed the examination at the time of initial licensure shall submit the following to upgrade his/her license status:

1. an official copy of a passing score on the Educational Testing Service area examination;
2. verification of nine months of full-time post-graduate professional employment/experience or its part-time equivalent in the field the license is held;
3. proof of supervision (Form 100);
4. upgrade fee of \$25.

B. The Provisional Speech-Language Pathology or Provisional Audiology licensee who has not completed the nine months of postgraduate professional employment/ experience at the time of initial licensure shall submit the following to upgrade his/her license status:

1. verification of nine months of full-time post-graduate professional employment/experience or its part-time equivalent in the field the license is held;
2. proof of supervision (Form 100);
3. upgrade fee of \$25.

C. The Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant shall submit the following to upgrade his/her license status:

1. proof of 225 supervised clinical practicum hours shall be on file in the board's office;
2. upgrade fee of \$25.

D. The Restricted Speech-Language Pathology or Restricted Audiology licensee who holds a master's degree or its equivalent in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology shall submit the following documents to upgrade their license:

1. proof of nine months of post-graduate professional employment/experience or its part-time equivalent in the field in which the license is held;
2. proof of supervision (Form 100);
3. upgrade fee of \$25.

E. Restricted Speech-Language Pathology licensees who hold a bachelor's degree who wish to change their status to a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License shall submit an application for license and meet the requirements of LSA R.S. 37:2659(B).

F. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant licensees who wish to change their status to a Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License shall submit an application for license and meet the requirements of LSA R.S. 37:2759(B).

G. Postgraduate professional employment/experience which counts toward upgrading the license status will only be accepted from the date that the licensee's application was acknowledged to have been received by the board.

H. Audiologists who hold an audiology license but are completing the coursework or practicum requirements for registration as a dispenser shall follow the supervision requirements as specified in §123, and shall submit the board's Form 100 at the time of renewal. The board's Form 100 shall be submitted to upgrade license status.

I. It is the responsibility of the licensee to submit the documents and make a written request for upgrade of his/her license status.

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### **§111. Fees**

The board collects the following fees, which are non-refundable.

1. Initial Louisiana license for:
  - a. Speech-Language Pathologist \$100
  - b. Audiologist \$100
  - c. Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$125
  - d. Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist \$100
  - e. Provisional Audiologist \$100
  - f. Provisional Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$125
  - g. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$100
  - h. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$100
  - i. Dual License Fee \$200
  - j. Dual License Fee to include hearing aid dispensing \$225

(Payable only by certified check, cashier's check or money order.)
2. Renewal of license submitted on or before June 30, of each year for:
  - a. Speech-Language Pathologist \$50
  - b. Audiologist \$50
  - c. Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$60
  - d. Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist \$50
  - e. Provisional Audiologist \$50
  - f. Provisional Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$60
  - g. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$50
  - h. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$50
  - i. Dual License \$75
  - j. Dual License to include hearing aid dispensing \$85
3. Lapsed License Fee submitted between July 1 and July 31, of each year for:
  - a. Speech-Language Pathologist \$100
  - b. Audiologist \$100
  - c. Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$120
  - d. Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist \$100
  - e. Provisional Audiologist \$100
  - f. Provisional Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$120
  - g. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$100
  - h. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$100
  - i. Dual License \$150
  - j. Dual License to include hearing aid dispensing \$170
4. Lapsed License Fee submitted between August 1 and October 31, of each year for:
  - a. Speech-Language Pathologist \$200
  - b. Audiologist \$200
  - c. Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$220
  - d. Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist \$200
  - e. Provisional Audiologist \$200
  - f. Provisional Audiologist to include hearing aid dispensing \$240
  - g. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$200

- h. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant \$200
- i. Dual License \$300
- j. Dual License to include hearing aid dispensing \$340
- 5. Registration fee for audiologists to dispense hearing aids \$25
- 6. Upgrade of provisional speech-language pathologist, provisional audiologist, speech-language pathology assistant or provisional speech-language pathology assistant \$25
- 7. NSF or returned check \$25
- 8. Video rental: \$10 per tape for 2 weeks; \$20 for 2-tape set for two weeks
- 9. Mailing labels - all licensees \$75
- 10. Mailing labels - partial list: \$.03 per label plus postage and handling
- 11. Re-issuance of license certificate \$20
- 12. Address listing - all licensees \$25
- 13. Directory of all licensees \$25
- 14. Fax transmission \$3 for first page; \$1 each additional page
- 15. Publications to include law, rules, etc. \$3 each plus postage and handling
- 16. Brochures/Pamphlets \$.10 each plus postage and handling
- 17. Verification of license (written) \$5
- 18. Subpoena \$25 within EBR Parish; \$25 plus \$.24 per mile outside of EBR Parish

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### **§113. License Renewals**

- A. All licenses are renewed annually on June 30.
- B. Initial licenses issued during the last quarter of the fiscal year, i.e., April, May, and June, will not be required to be renewed during that fiscal year. No continuing education hours will be required of the licensee for that period.
- C. Licensees shall list on their renewal form the licensees and aides that they are supervising, i.e., provisional speech-language pathologists, provisional audiologists, restricted speech-language pathologists, restricted audiologists, speech-language pathology assistants, or provisional speech-language pathology assistants.
- D. It is the licensee's continuing obligation to keep the board informed of his/her current mailing address.
- E. Licensees shall participate in continuing professional education activities of at least 10 clock hours for each license period, July 1 through June 30, in accordance with §115.
- F. Retired status is granted to speech-language pathologists and audiologists who are retired and do not practice speech-language pathology or audiology during the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. These licensees shall complete the affidavit on the continuing education report and submit it at the time of licensure renewal. Retired licensees may retain their license by payment of the annual renewal fee. In order to resume the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology, retired licensees shall demonstrate completion of five clock hours of continuing education in the area of licensure for each year that retired status was maintained.
- G. Delinquent Renewal
  - 1. Delinquent requests for renewals will be accepted by the board through July 31, provided the Lapsed License Fee is paid in accordance with §111, and the continuing education summary form is submitted.
  - 2. A licensee whose license is delinquent as of November 1, is required to submit a completed application, proof of continuing education, initial license fee and Lapsed License Fee in accordance with §111.A. and D and §115.
- H. Conditional Renewal
  - 1. Licensees who previously held a full, valid license which was obtained under the grandfather clause of Act 260 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, whether delinquent or lapsed, for a period not to exceed five years, shall be eligible for licensure renewal or reinstatement upon meeting the continuing education requirement and submitting the appropriate renewal fee in accordance with §111. If the license has lapsed for a period of more than five years, applicants shall reapply in accordance with the requirements enumerated in LSA R.S. 37:2651 et seq., as amended by Act 892 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.
  - 2. Licensees who previously held a restricted license which was obtained under Act 260 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, whether delinquent or lapsed, shall be eligible for licensure renewal or reinstatement, upon meeting the continuing education requirement and submitting the appropriate renewal fee as required in accordance with §§111 and 115.
  - 3. Licensees who allow their license to lapse for more than one year shall submit documentation of completion of five clock hours of continuing education in the area of licensure for each year that the license

has lapsed in addition to meeting the license requirements enumerated in LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.

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### **§115. Continuing Education Requirements**

A. Each licensee shall complete continuing professional education activities of at least 10 clock hours each license period, July 1 through June 30.

B. Of the 10 hours, five shall be in the area of licensure, and five may be in areas related to the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.

C. Audiologists who register as dispensing audiologists shall insure that at least three of the total ten hours are in areas directly related to hearing aid dispensing, such as business/practice management, marketing, aural habilitation/rehabilitation, diagnostic assessment, characteristics of hearing aids and their application, etc.

D. Dual licensees shall complete 15 hours per year with a minimum of five hours in speech-language pathology and five hours in audiology; the remaining five may be in areas related to the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.

E. There shall be no carry-over of continuing education hours from one year to the next.

F. In the case of extenuating circumstances, when the licensee does not fulfill the continuing education requirements, the licensee shall submit a written request for extension to the board for consideration.

G. Acceptable Continuing Education Sponsors and Activities

1. board-sponsored activities (maximum of 10 hours);

2. workshops in the area of communication disorders sponsored by individual professional practitioners and/or professional organizations such as American Audiological Association; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools; Louisiana Society for Hearing Aid Specialists, etc. (maximum of 10 hours);

3. meetings of related professional organizations (maximum of five hours);

4. college courses in the area of licensure taken for credit or official audit (three semester hours or six quarter hours = 10 hours of continuing education);

5. teleconferences sponsored by universities, schools, clinics, state agencies or hospitals (maximum of five hours);

6. workshops and in-services that are university, school, clinic, hospital or state agency sponsored (maximum of five hours in a related area, maximum of 10 hours if in the area of licensure);

7. publication of articles in a refereed journal, five hours;

8. scientific or educational lectures to include presentations such as poster sessions given by the licensee (maximum of five hours).

H. Pre-Approval Policy

1. No pre-approval is required for any of the activities listed in Acceptable Continuing Education Sponsors and Activities.

2. The licensee shall request pre-approval (minimum of 60 days in advance) of individually sponsored activities, self-study activities, or other appropriate activities.

3. Self-study activities in the area of communication disorders:

a. audio or video tapes (maximum of five hours);

b. reading of journal articles that contain self-examination questions at the end. Articles shall be submitted for pre-approval (maximum of five hours).

4. Publication of diagnostic and/or therapeutic materials (maximum of five hours).

I. Recording of Continuing Education Activities

1. Licensees shall record all continuing education activities on a tracking sheet provided by the board. The tracking sheet will be included with renewal notices and will cover the period of July 1 through June 30.

2. The board may request, through official audit, verification of clock hours submitted, including information regarding content, certification, attendance, and receipts. A small percentage will be audited each year as a means of evaluating the effectiveness of the continuing education program.

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### **§117. Application Procedures**

A. An application for a license to practice speech-language pathology and/or audiology in Louisiana shall be made on forms supplied by the board.

B. Official transcripts shall be sent to this board directly from the college or university from which the academic requirements were earned.

C. Documentation of supervised clinical practicum hours shall be submitted on university forms and signed by a clinical supervisor or director.

D. The initial license fee submitted to this board shall be paid by certified check, cashier's check or money

order. Only renewal fees may be paid by personal check.

E. Documentation of nine months of postgraduate professional employment/experience shall be submitted directly to the board in writing on official agency letterhead.

F. Documentation of nine months of postgraduate professional employment/experience, a passing score on NTE, and verification of supervised clinical practicum hours may be waived for individuals who submit verification that they hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Hearing-Language Association.

G. Postgraduate professional employment/experience which counts toward upgrading the license status, will only be accepted from the date that a licensee's application is acknowledged to have been received by the board.

H. While an application for a license is being considered by the board, the applicant may be employed as a speech-language pathologist, audiologist or speech-language pathology assistant for a period not longer than 60 days from the date that their application is acknowledged to have been received by the board. In no event may the applicant be employed as a speech-language pathologist, audiologist or speech-language pathology assistant after the application has been denied.

I. An applicant may be granted only one 60-day period to work while his/her application is being processed.

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### **§119. Supervision Requirements for Restricted License, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology License and Provisional Audiology License**

A. Restricted Licensees, Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Licensees and Provisional Audiology Licensees are required to undergo direct supervision by a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, licensed in the area in accordance with LSA R.S. 37:2659(A). An individual may not be supervised by a provisional licensee, restricted licensee, or assistant licensee.

B. The direct supervision of the licensee, whether employed full-time or part-time, shall include 12 monitoring activities annually at least four of which shall be on-site, in-view observations divided between the areas of diagnostics and management. Alternative methods may include conferences, audio and videotape recordings, review of written records, staffings and discussions with other persons who have participated in the licensee's training.

C. Documentation of supervision shall be submitted annually at the time of license renewal on Form 100 provided by the board.

1. Licensees employed in the public schools shall submit Form 100 within 10 days after the end of the school year.

2. All licensees shall submit Form 100 no later than July 10 of each year.

3. All costs of supervision shall be borne by the licensee or his/her employer, but in no event will those costs be borne by the board.

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### **§121. Supervision Requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant**

A. The supervision requirements specified in these guidelines are MINIMUM requirements. It is the responsibility of the speech-language pathologist to design and provide a supervision system that protects patient/client care and maintains the highest possible standards of quality.

B. Treatment for the patient/client served remains the responsibility of the supervisor. Therefore, the level of supervision required is considered the minimum level necessary for the supervising speech-language pathologist to maintain direct contact with the patient/client.

C. Supervision Requirements for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant:

1. A minimum of one clock hour of on-site, in-view supervision shall be completed each week for each licensee;

2. A minimum of one clock hour of alternative supervision methods shall be completed each week for each licensee. These methods should include, but are not limited to:

a. specifying protocols for speech-language screenings and assessments conducted by the assistant licensee;

b. specifying protocols for hearing screenings conducted by the assistant licensee;

c. approving treatment plans or protocols and documenting approval;

d. monitoring patient/client progress toward meeting established objectives;

e. monitoring, scheduling, charting and data collection;

f. directing maintenance of equipment;

g. directing research projects, in-service training and public relations programs;

h. conducting telephone conferences;

3. Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Full-Time and Part-time Supervision Requirements:

HOURS WORKED	REQUIRED SUPERVISION	REQUIRED SUPERVISION
	ON-SITE, IN-VIEW	ALTERNATIVE METHOD
21-40 hours	1 hr/week	1 hr/week
20 hrs or less	1 hr/every 2 weeks	1 hr/every 2 weeks

4. Assistant licensees shall be supervised only by a speech-language pathologist licensed under the provisions of LSA R.S. 37:2659(A). An individual may not be supervised by a provisional licensee or restricted licensee;

5. Although more than one speech-language pathologist may provide supervision of an assistant licensee and provisional assistant licensee, *at no time* may a licensed speech-language pathologist supervise or be listed as a supervisor for more than three assistant or provisional assistant licensees. When multiple supervisors are used, the supervisors are encouraged to coordinate and communicate with each other;

6. Documentation of supervision shall be submitted annually at the time of license renewal on Form 200 provided by the board;

7. The supervising speech-language pathologist shall be readily available for consultation with the assistant licensee. This includes personal contact, telephone, pager, or other means of communication;

D. Supervision Requirements for the Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant:

1. A minimum of three clock hours of on-site, in-view supervision shall be completed each week for each licensee;

2. A minimum of two clock hours of alternative supervision methods shall be completed each week for each licensee. These methods should include, but are not limited to:

- a. specifying protocols for speech-language screenings and assessments conducted by the assistant licensee;
- b. specifying protocols for hearing screenings conducted by the assistant licensee;
- c. approving treatment plans or protocols and documenting approval;
- d. monitoring patient/client progress toward meeting established objectives;
- e. monitoring scheduling, charting and data collection;
- f. directing maintenance of equipment;
- g. directing research projects, in-service training and public relations programs;
- h. conducting telephone conferences.

3. Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Full-Time and Part-Time Supervision Requirement:

HOURS WORKED	REQUIRED SUPERVISION	REQUIRED SUPERVISION
	ON-SITE, IN-VIEW	ALTERNATIVE METHOD
21-40 hours	3 hrs/week	2 hrs/week
20 hrs or less	1½ hr/week	1 hr/week

4. Provisional assistant licensees shall be supervised by only a speech-language pathologist licensed under the provisions of LSA R.S. 37:2659(A). An individual may not be supervised by a provisional licensee or a restricted licensee;

5. Although more than one speech-language pathologist may provide supervision of an assistant licensee and provisional assistant licensee, *at no time* may a licensed speech-language pathologist supervise or be listed as a supervisor for more than three assistant or provisional assistant licensees. When multiple supervisors are used, the supervisors are encouraged to coordinate and communicate with each other;

6. Documentation of supervision shall be submitted annually at the time of license renewal on Form 300 provided by the board;

7. The supervising speech-language pathologist shall be readily available for consultation with the provisional assistant licensee. This includes personal contact, telephone, pager, or other means of communication.

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**§123. Hearing Aid Dispensing**

A. Audiologists who dispense hearing aids shall meet the coursework and practicum requirements for dispensing as specified in LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq., and shall register their intent to do so at the time of each license renewal.

1. Dispensing audiologists shall pay an initial registration fee of \$25 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 in addition to the fees charged for licensure renewal.

2. Dispensing audiologists shall affix an annual registration seal to the displayed audiology license.

B. Audiologists who hold a Provisional Audiology License shall be supervised by a licensed, registered dispensing audiologist while completing the postgraduate professional employment/experience requirements for full licensure.

C. Audiologists who hold an audiology license but are completing the coursework or practicum requirements for registration as a dispenser shall follow the supervision requirements as specified in §119

and shall submit the board's Form 100 at the time of renewal. The board's Form 100 shall be submitted to upgrade the license status.

D. Audiologists who dispense hearing aids shall maintain annual calibration records on audiometric equipment.

E. Audiologists who dispense hearing aids shall meet the minimum continuing education requirements for license renewal with at least three of the required 10 hours in areas specifically related to hearing aids and/or the dispensing of hearing aids.

F. Audiologists who dispense hearing aids shall comply with the following guidelines:

1. Audiologists shall conduct a pre-purchase evaluation that includes:
  - a. a case history;
  - b. an otoscopic examination;
  - c. a basic audiological test battery, including:
    - i. pure tone air and bone conduction testing;
    - ii. speech reception threshold;
    - iii. word recognition testing;
    - iv. appropriate tolerance testing; and
    - v. middle ear measurements when indicated.
2. Audiologists shall provide the consumer with a minimum 30-day trial period on all new hearing aids purchased;
3. Audiologists shall inform the consumer of the total cost of the hearing aid, including any fees for returning the aid at the end of the trial period;
4. Audiologists shall conduct a post fitting evaluation that includes functional gain measurements and/or real ear measurements unless physical conditions prohibit accomplishment of these procedures;
- 5.a. Audiologists who engage in the fitting or selling of hearing aids shall deliver to each person supplied with a hearing aid, a bill of sale which shall contain the dispenser's signature, address and license number, together with a description of the make, model and serial number of the hearing aid and the amount charged. The bill of sale shall also indicate whether the hearing aid is new, used, or reconditioned.
- b. Audiologists who engage in the fitting of hearing aids shall deliver to each person supplied with a hearing aid, a document which shall contain the dispenser's signature, address and license number, together with a description of the make, model and serial number of the hearing aid. The document shall also indicate whether the hearing aid is new, used or reconditioned.

G. Audiologists who meet the qualifications for licensure as an audiologist and who were exempt under LSA-R.S. 37:2464.A. as part of their employment with a state health agency may register as dispensing audiologists by presenting proof of employment and dispensing experience in that job setting.

H. Audiologists who meet the qualifications for licensure as an audiologist but lack the coursework and practicum requirements necessary for registration as a dispenser may fulfill the requirements by completing nine months of postgraduate professional employment/experience under the supervision of a licensed dispensing audiologist, and by proof of the successful completion of a study course by the National Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies, or its equivalent. Equivalency for National Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies is defined as:

1. an individualized program of study that may include:
  - a. hearing aid fitting courses sponsored by hearing aid manufacturers;
  - b. university programs; or
  - c. programs of independent study;
2. any individualized program of study shall be submitted to the board a minimum of 60-days in advance for pre-approval.

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### **§125. Disciplinary Actions**

This board may refuse to issue, may suspend or revoke a license for the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology or otherwise discipline an applicant or licensee, upon a finding that the applicant or licensee has violated any provisions of LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq., or any of the rules or regulations promulgated by the board.

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### **§127. Licensure by Reciprocity**

The board may waive the examination for applicants who present proof of current licensure in another state with standards equivalent to those of Louisiana.

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### **§129. Additional Requirements for Foreign Graduates/ Speakers of English as a Second Language**

A. Any document required to be submitted to this board with an application for a license shall be in the English language, or accompanied by a certified translation thereof into the English language.

B. As a condition of the board's consideration of the license application of a graduate of a foreign college or university, the applicant shall provide the board with an evaluation of the applicant's transcript from an approved credentials evaluation agency. A list of approved agencies, and their addresses, may be obtained from the board.

C. Because the essence of the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology is communication, an applicant whose primary language is not English shall submit a passing score on a nationally recognized English proficiency examination, and make a personal appearance before the board or its designees before a license may be issued.

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### **Chapter 3. Aides**

#### **§301. Qualifications and Duties**

A. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are legally, ethically, and morally responsible for the services provided by aides working under their direction.

B. Requirements for the use of aides follow:

1. A licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist may utilize an aide who meets the following qualifications. The aide shall:

- a. be of good moral character;
- b. be at least 18 years old;
- c. possess appropriate communication skills;
- d. have a high school diploma or G.E.D.

2. The supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist is responsible for determining that the aide is qualified and prepared for the duties which s/he will be assigned. It is recommended that the aide be afforded continuing education opportunities. Appropriate areas of training may include:

- a. normal processes in speech, language and hearing;
- b. disorders of speech, language and hearing;
- c. record-keeping and data compilation;
- d. utilization of equipment and materials;
- e. professional ethics and their application to the aide's duties.

C. Supervision

1. The licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall provide on-site, in-view supervision 25 percent of the patient/client contact time during the initial year of the aide's employment.

2. The on-site, in-view supervision in subsequent years shall be established by the supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist on an individual basis but shall be no less than 10 percent of patient/client contact time.

3. The supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall be readily available for consultation with the aide at all times.

4. Documentation of on-site, in-view supervision shall be maintained by the supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist and shall be submitted to the board upon request.

5. The supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall report to the board at the time of licensure renewal, the names and employment locations of aides.

D. The aide may engage in activities limited to those that are planned and directed by the supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Providing that the preparation, training, and supervision are appropriate, the following tasks may be assigned to aides:

1. setting up room and equipment;
2. clearing room and storing equipment;
3. preparing materials (such as making copies, typing forms) for use by the speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist;
4. checking equipment to determine if the equipment is performing adequately;
5. transporting patients/clients to and from sessions;
6. assisting with field trips and other communication stimulation situations;
7. performing hearing screenings limited to pure-tone air conduction screening and screening tympanometry;
8. recording, charting, graphing, or otherwise displaying objective data relative to the patient's/client's performance.

E. Only the speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall exercise independent judgment in the provision of professional services. Specifically, the speech-language pathologist or audiologist may not delegate any of the following to the aide:

1. speech-language screening;
2. evaluation, diagnosis, or therapy with individuals with speech, language or hearing disorders;
3. interpretation or discussion of confidential information despite the fact that this information may have been requested by the patient/client, parent or referring agency;
4. performance of any procedure for which the aide has not been trained.

F. Exemption. Aides employed on or before the effective date of these rules may continue to operate under the provisions of Chapter 3, §§301-305 of the Louisiana Register 16:409 (May 1990) of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology.

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### **§303. Requirements of Speech-Language Pathologists/ Audiologists in Monitoring Aides, Assistants and Helpers**

Repealed.

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### **§305. Services of Aides, Assistants or Helpers**

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## **Chapter 5. Procedural Rules**

### **§501. Investigation of Complaints**

A. The board is authorized to receive complaints against licensees, applicants, or other persons engaging in practices which violate or are alleged to violate the provisions of LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.

B. Any complaint bearing on a licensee's professional competence, conviction of a crime, unauthorized practice, mental competence, neglect of practice, or violation of state law or ethical standards where applicable to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology shall be submitted to the board.

C. Complaints shall be in writing and signed by the complainant.

D. Once a written complaint is received, the board shall initiate a review of the allegations contained therein. The board may dispose of the complaint informally through correspondence or conference with the licensee and/or the complainant, which may result in a consent order agreeable to both parties. If the licensee stipulates to the complaint and waives her/his right to a formal hearing, the board may impose appropriate sanctions without delay. If the board finds that a complaint can not be resolved informally, the written complaint shall be forwarded to the board's designated investigator for investigation. The board shall at that time notify the licensee, by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the investigation.

E. The board's designated investigator shall have authority to investigate the nature of the complaint through conference and correspondence directed to those parties or witnesses involved. The board's designated investigator shall send the involved licensee notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the investigation containing a short summary of the complaint and a list of any questions the designated investigator may direct to the licensee relative to the complaint. All subsequent letters to the involved licensee, all letters to the complainant, or any other witness, shall be sent with a designation "personal and confidential" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

F. The designated investigator shall conclude the investigation as quickly as possible, without compromising thoroughness. Unless good cause is shown by the designated investigator satisfactory to the board, which may extend the time for the investigation, the investigation and recommendations to the board shall be delivered to the board within 60 days of the date that the designated investigator first received the assignment from the board.

G. The designated investigator shall report to the board and make a recommendation for either proceeding to an informal hearing, a formal hearing, or for a dismissal of the complaint. When the designated investigator's recommended action may lead to denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, the board shall convene a formal adjudication hearing. The designated investigator may determine that the licensee's explanation satisfactorily answers the complaint and may recommend to the board that the matter be dismissed. The recommended remedial action or dismissal of the complaint shall be forwarded to the complainant and to the licensee.

H. The designated investigator may also recommend that the complaint be resolved by a consent order entered into by the licensee and the complainant. If the order contains any agreement by the licensee to some remedial course of action, the agreement shall be signed by the complainant, the licensee, and a majority of the board. The designated investigator shall make note of any agreement arrived at between the complainant and the licensee, but such an agreement shall not necessarily preclude further disciplinary action by the board against the licensee.

I. If the designated investigator's recommendation for an informal hearing is accepted by the board, the

designated investigator shall notify the licensee of the time, date, and place of the informal hearing and of the issues to be discussed. The licensee shall appear on a voluntary basis. The licensee shall be advised that the hearing will be informal, no attorneys will be present, and no transcript of the hearing will be made. Any witnesses who testify will not be placed under oath, and no subpoenas will be issued. The licensee shall be informed that any statements made at the informal hearing will not be used or introduced at a formal hearing, unless all parties consent. If the licensee notifies the designated investigator that s/he does not wish an informal hearing, or if the licensee fails or refuses to attend an informal hearing, the informal hearing shall not be held. In that event, the board shall initiate a formal disciplinary hearing.

J. The designated investigator shall recommend to the board the initiation of a formal disciplinary hearing if the investigation discloses any of the following: the complaint is sufficiently serious to require a formal adjudication; the licensee fails to respond to the correspondence by the designated investigator concerning the complaint; the licensee's response to the designated investigator discloses that further action is necessary; an informal hearing is held but does not resolve all of the issues; or the licensee refuses to comply with the recommended remedial action.

K. The designated investigator shall submit any recommended action to the board in brief, concise language, without any reference to the particulars of the investigation, to any findings of fact or any conclusions of law arrived at during the investigative process.

L. The board shall have the authority to delegate to the designated investigator any alleged violations of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Act, LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq., and any alleged violations of any and all rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant thereto, prior to board action on those alleged violations. If requested by the board, the designated investigator shall submit to the board the complete investigation file. Final authority for appropriate action rests solely with the board.

M. At no time shall the designated investigator investigate any case as authorized by the board where the investigator has any personal or economic interest in the outcome of the investigation, or is personally related to or maintains a close friendship with the complainant, the licensee, or any of the witnesses involved. In such event, the designated investigator shall immediately notify the board, who shall appoint a substitute investigator for disposition of that particular case.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, LR17:373 (April 1991), amended LR 22: (May 1996).

### **§503. Compliance Hearings**

A. The board shall provide a compliance hearing to a rejected applicant for licensure provided that the rejected applicant requests a compliance hearing in writing within 30 days of the receipt of the notice of rejection. The applicant's request for a compliance hearing shall state with specificity the reason(s) why the application should be accepted.

B. A licensee whose license has lapsed for non-payment of renewal fees shall be entitled to a compliance hearing provided that the licensee requests one in writing within 10 days after receipt of the notice for the lapsed license, or, in the event that the licensee did not receive notice of the lapsed license, within 30 days of the date upon which the license would have lapsed by operation of law.

C. The purpose and intent of the compliance hearing is to provide a forum for the applicant or licensee to present documentary evidence, in the form of affidavits, public records, official records, letters, etc., along with testimony under oath to establish that the applicant or licensee does, in fact, meet the lawful requirements for issuance of a license or the retention of the license. The board shall have the authority to administer oaths, hear the testimony, and conduct the hearing. The applicant or licensee may be represented by counsel, or may represent her/himself.

D. In any compliance hearing, the burden of proof shall rest with the applicant or licensee to establish that s/he meets the criteria for licensure or that her/his license was timely renewed.

E. Within 15 days after the compliance hearing, the board shall forward its final decision, including specific reasons therefore, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the applicant or licensee.

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### **§505. Formal Disciplinary Hearings**

A. If, after completion of the investigation, the board determines that the circumstances may warrant the withholding, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, or other disciplinary action, the board shall initiate a formal disciplinary hearing. The board shall promptly notify the attorney general who is authorized and directed to appear on behalf of the state. The hearing shall convene in a designated Louisiana city, giving due consideration to the parish of residence of the applicant or licensee, the parish of residence of the complainant, the parish of residence of other witnesses, and other factors deemed important by the board. The hearing shall be held before the board only after the involved licensee is given at least 30 days notice by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall include the following:

1. a statement of the date, time, place, and nature of the hearing;
2. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;

3. a reference to the particular sections of the statute and/or rules involved;
4. a short and plain statement enumerating the charges;
5. a statement advising the licensee of her/his right to be represented by legal counsel;
6. the names of the members of the hearing panel.

B. If the board is unable to state the charges in detail at the time the notice is served, the initial notice may be limited to a statement of the issues involved, thereafter, upon written request, a more definite and detailed statement shall be furnished.

C. The board shall arrange for a certified shorthand reporter to make an accurate recording of all testimony presented and all documents entered into evidence at the hearing. A party wishing to file documents into evidence shall provide the court reporter with a copy marked for identification as an exhibit and shall provide copies to each member of the hearing panel, the board's legal counsel, opposing counsel, as well as counsel for any joined parties, and/or any unrepresented parties.

D. By bringing a complaint, the complainant waives the privilege of confidentiality for the purpose of the formal disciplinary hearing.

E. The rules of evidence, authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, conduct discovery, and control confidential privileged information shall apply to the formal disciplinary hearing in the form specified by LSA R.S. 37:2656, 2663, the rules and regulations promulgated by this board, and as specified in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, LSA R.S. 49:950 et seq.

F. It is the licensee's continuing obligation to keep the board informed of her/his whereabouts. Accordingly, if notice of the hearing cannot be delivered by mail because of a licensee's change of address and the new address is not provided to the board, the board may hold the hearing in the licensee's absence, after making reasonable efforts to obtain the licensee's new address.

G. Within 15 days of the licensee's receipt of notice, s/he may file a written answer to the notice, denying some or all of the charges, or offering any explanation or asserting whatever defense s/he deems applicable.

H. The board shall have discretion to consolidate one or more cases for hearing involving the same or related parties or substantially the same questions of fact or law. The board may also grant separate hearings if a joint hearing may be prejudicial to one or more of the parties. If hearings are to be consolidated, notice shall be given to all parties in advance of the hearing.

I. The presiding officer shall consider a motion to modify or quash any subpoena issued in connection with the hearing, provided that such motion is filed by certified mail, return receipt requested, with the board at its registered office not later than three days prior to the hearing date or the date scheduled for the deposition, if the subpoena was issued in connection with a deposition. Possible grounds to quash or limit the subpoena include, but are not limited to: testimony on material protected by privilege or state regulation or other law; burdensomeness that would not be justified in light of the evidence important to the case; undue hardship on a witness; vagueness; immateriality.

J. The burden of proof at a formal disciplinary hearing rests with the attorney general who is bringing the charge before the board. No sanction shall be imposed or order issued, except upon consideration of the entire record, as supported by and in accordance with reliable, probative, and substantial evidence. The standard of proof in all hearings before the board and for any review or examination of evidence provided by LSA R.S. 49:957 or 958, shall be carried by a preponderance of the evidence.

K. If the board finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the withholding, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, or other disciplinary action is warranted, the board shall sanction said individual according to the provisions of LSA R.S. 37:2662(B):

1. refuse to issue a license;
2. refuse to renew a license;
3. issue a private letter of reprimand or concern;
4. issue a public letter of reprimand or concern;
5. require restitution of costs and expenses incurred by the board related to the enforcement of LSA R.S. 37:2650 et seq.;
6. impose probationary conditions;
7. impose a fine for each violation not to exceed \$1,000 per violation;
8. suspend a license;
9. revoke a license;
10. restrict the license by limiting or reducing the scope of practice; and/or
11. otherwise discipline a licensee.

L. A final decision or order adverse to a party in an adjudication proceeding shall be in writing or stated in the record. A final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. Findings of fact, if set forth in statutory language, shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the findings. Parties shall be notified by the board, either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, of any decision or order. Upon request, a copy of the decision or order shall be mailed to each party and to her/his attorney of record.

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#### **§507. General Procedural Rules For Hearings**

A. The board is empowered to issue subpoenas upon receipt of a written request from the licensee or attorney general at least 30 days in advance of any scheduled hearing. The board shall issue said subpoenas upon receipt of said written request and receipt of any and all fees for subpoenas as provided for in §111.R promulgated by the board.

B. The board may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a contempt rule to show cause when there is a failure to comply with a subpoena.

C. The board shall elect from its membership a person to act as presiding officer of the hearing. The presiding officer shall have the power to: regulate the discovery process; hold pre-hearing conferences for the simplification or settlement of issues; convene the hearing; place witnesses under oath; take action necessary to maintain order; rule on motions and procedural questions arising prior to, during or after the hearing; rule on objections and admissibility of evidence; call recesses or adjourn the hearing; and prescribe and enforce general rules of conduct and decorum. The other board members may not delegate their decision making and fact finding duties to the presiding officer, nor shall the presiding officer have any greater weight in the decision making process than any other board member. The board's findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be signed by a majority of the hearing panel finding those facts and conclusions of law. Any member of the hearing panel disagreeing with those findings and conclusions may also file a dissent in the record with her/his decisions therefore.

D. Any board member having reason to believe that s/he is biased against one of the parties in the proceeding, or has a personal interest in the outcome of the proceeding, shall immediately notify the other board members and request to be disqualified. Any party to a hearing may file with the board an affidavit requesting a disqualification of a board member from the formal hearing because of the board member's bias or personal interest. As soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of the hearing, the majority of the board shall pass upon any request for disqualification. The concerned board member shall not participate in the deliberation of the board on the issue of disqualification, and shall not vote on the issue. If the board determines that there is no merit to the request for disqualification, the board shall proceed with the hearing. Any doubt concerning the fitness of a board member shall be resolved in favor of disqualification. In the event disqualification occurs, the board shall immediately request the governor to appoint a board member pro tem to replace the disqualified member for the hearing in progress only.

E. The parties to the hearing are urged, but not required, to confer prior to the hearing, through their respective counsel, or personally, to attempt to reduce or simplify the issues to be heard. The board shall honor any stipulations arrived at between the parties as proven facts at the hearing. The purpose at the pre-hearing conference is to insure that the hearing is not unusually delayed by receiving testimony or other evidence on matters which are not seriously in dispute between the parties.

F. The procedures to be followed in conducting the hearing governing the order of the proceedings are contained in Chapter 12 of the *Disciplinary Action Manual For Occupational Licensing Boards* prepared by the Louisiana Department of Justice, 1979, through the Office of the Attorney General. A copy of the Chapter will be provided to any interested party involved with the hearing upon receipt by the board of a written request therefore.

G. Parties may conduct discovery pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, LSA R.S. 49:950 et seq. Said discovery shall not unduly delay the hearing before the board.

H. For good cause shown, the board has discretion to extend or continue the time set for the hearing for such reasons as ill health, inability to obtain counsel, the complexities of the case, or such other matters deemed by the board to constitute good cause.

I. Upon request by either the licensee or the attorney general, witnesses shall be sequestered and not allowed in the hearing chambers during the hearing or permitted to discuss their testimony with other witnesses prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

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#### **§509. Rehearing**

A. A decision or order in a case of adjudication shall be subject to rehearing, reopening, or reconsideration by the board within 10 days from the date of its entry. The grounds for such action shall be either that:

1. the decision or order is clearly contrary to the law and the evidence;
2. the party has discovered since the hearing evidence important to the issues which s/he could not have with due diligence obtained before or during the hearing;
3. there is a showing that issues not previously considered should be examined in order to properly dispose of the matter; or
4. there is other good ground for further consideration of the issues and the evidence in the public interest.

B. The petition of a party for rehearing, reconsideration, or review and the order of the board granting it, shall set forth the grounds which justify such action. Nothing in this rule shall prevent rehearing, reopening, or reconsideration of a matter by this board in accordance with other statutory provisions applicable to the board, or, at any time, on the ground of fraud practiced by the prevailing party or of procurement of the order by perjured testimony or fictitious evidence. On reconsideration, reopening, or rehearing, the matter shall be heard by the board. The hearing shall be confined to those grounds upon which the reconsideration, reopening, or rehearing was ordered. If an application for rehearing shall be timely filed, the period within which judicial review, under the applicable statute, must be sought, shall run from the final disposition of such application.

C. If a petition for rehearing, reconsideration, or review is granted, the decision of the board is not final and therefore is not implemented until a decision is reached after the rehearing.

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#### **§511. The Case Record**

The case record shall include the following, plus other material that the board considers desirable to obtain:

1. all papers filed and served in the proceedings;
2. all motions filed, answers or objections thereto, and all decisions of the board in response to the motions;
3. all documents and other evidence accepted as evidence at the hearing;
4. statements of matters officially noticed;
5. notices required by statutes or rules, including notice of the hearing;
6. affidavits of service or receipts for mailing of process or other evidence of service;
7. stipulations, settlement agreements, or consent orders;
8. records of matters agreed upon at the pre-hearing conference;
9. orders of the board and its final decision;
10. actions taken subsequent to the decision, including requests for reconsideration and rehearing;
11. a transcript of the proceedings.

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#### **§513. Declaratory Orders**

Any party or person deemed to be governed by or under the jurisdiction of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Act, R.S. 37:2650 et seq., may apply to the board for a declaratory order or ruling in order to determine the applicability of a statutory provision, rule of this board, or ethical consideration of this board, to said party or person. The board shall issue the declaratory order or ruling in connection with the request by majority vote of the board, signed and mailed to the requesting party. The board may seek an opinion of legal counsel or the attorney general in connection with the request.

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#### **§515. Judicial Review**

A. A person who is aggrieved by a final decision or order in an adjudication proceeding is entitled to judicial review whether or not s/he has applied to the board for rehearing. A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate board action or ruling is immediately reviewable if review of the final board decision would not provide an adequate remedy and would inflict irreparable injury.

B. Proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge within 30 days after mailing of notice of the final decision by the board or, if rehearing is requested, within 30 days after the decision thereon. Copies of the petition shall be served upon the board and all parties of record.

C. The filing of the petition does not itself stay enforcement of the board decision. The board may grant, or the reviewing court may order, a stay upon appropriate terms. D. Within 30 days after the service of the petition on the board or within further time allowed by the court, the board shall transmit to the reviewing court a certified copy of the entire record of the proceeding under review. By stipulation of all parties, the record may be shortened. A party unreasonably refusing to stipulate to limit the record may be taxed by the court for the additional costs.

E. If, before the date set for hearing, application is made to the court for leave to present additional evidence, and it is shown that the additional evidence is material and that there were good reasons for failure to present it in the proceeding before the board, the court may order that the additional evidence be taken before the board upon conditions determined by the court. The board may modify its finding and decision by reason of the additional evidence and shall file that evidence and any modifications, new findings, or decisions with the reviewing court.

F. The review shall be conducted by the court without a jury and shall be confined to the record. In cases

of alleged irregularities in procedure before the board, not shown in the record, proof thereon may be taken in the court. The court, upon request, shall hear oral argument and shall receive written briefs.

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### **§517. Appeals**

An aggrieved party may obtain a review of any final judgment of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court by appeal to the Court of Appeal for the First Circuit. The appeal shall be taken as in other civil cases.

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## **Chapter 7. Code of Ethics**

### **§701. Preamble**

A. The Code of Ethics of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology specifies professional standards that allow for the proper discharge of professionals' responsibilities to those served and that protect the integrity of the profession.

B. Any action that violates the spirit and purpose of this Code shall be considered unethical. Failure to specify any particular responsibility or practice in this Code of Ethics shall not be construed as denial of the existence of such responsibilities or practices.

C. Principles of Ethics, aspirational and inspirational in nature, form the underlying moral basis for the Code of Ethics. Individuals shall observe these principles as affirmative obligations under all conditions of professional activity.

D. Rules of Ethics are specific statements of minimally acceptable professional conduct or of prohibitions and are applicable to all individuals.

E. Rules of Ethics

1. Principle of Ethics I. Licensees shall provide professional services with honesty and compassion and shall respect the dignity, worth, and rights of those served.

a. Individuals shall use every resource, including referral when appropriate, to ensure that high-quality service is provided and shall not accept or offer benefits or items of personal value for receiving or making referrals.

b. Individuals shall not discriminate in the delivery of professional services on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

c. Individuals shall fully inform the persons they serve of the nature and possible effects of services rendered and products dispensed.

d. Individuals shall evaluate the effectiveness of services rendered and of products dispensed and shall provide services or dispense products only when benefits can reasonably be expected.

e. Individuals shall not guarantee the results of any treatment or procedure, directly or by implication; however, they may make a reasonable statement of prognosis.

f. Individuals shall not evaluate or treat speech, language, or hearing disorders solely by correspondence. This does not preclude follow-up correspondence with persons previously seen, nor the provision of general information of an educational nature.

g. Individuals shall maintain adequate records of professional services rendered and products dispensed and shall allow access to these records when appropriately authorized.

h. Individuals shall not reveal, without authorization, any professional or personal information about the person served professionally, unless required by law to do so, or unless doing so is necessary to protect the welfare of the person or of the community.

i. Individuals shall not charge for services not rendered, nor shall they misrepresent, in any fashion, services rendered or products dispensed.

j. Individuals shall not carry out teaching, or research activities in a manner that constitutes an invasion of privacy, or that fails to inform persons fully about the nature and possible effects of these activities, affording all persons informed free-choice and participation.

k. Individuals whose professional services are adversely affected by substance abuse or other health-related conditions shall seek professional assistance and, where appropriate, withdraw from the affected areas of practice.

l. Individuals shall not engage in sexual activity with a patient/client.

2. Principle of Ethics II. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competence.

a. Individuals shall provide all services competently. Individuals shall engage in only those aspects of the professions that are within the scope of their competence, considering their level of education, training and experience.

b. Individuals shall hold the appropriate qualifications for the area(s) in which they are providing or supervising professional services.

c. Individuals shall continue their professional development throughout their careers.

d. Individuals shall provide appropriate supervision and assume full responsibility for services delegated to support personnel. Individuals shall not delegate any service requiring professional competence to persons unqualified.

e. Individuals shall neither provide services nor supervision of services for which they have not been properly prepared, nor permit services to be provided by any of their staff who are not properly prepared.

f. Individuals shall ensure that all equipment used in the provision of services is in proper working order and is properly calibrated.

3. Principle of Ethics III. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to the public by promoting public understanding of the professions, by supporting the development of services designed to fulfill the unmet needs of the public, and by providing accurate information in all communications involving any aspect of the professions.

a. Individuals shall not misrepresent their credentials, competence, education, training or experience.

b. Individuals shall not participate in professional activities that constitute a conflict of interest.

c. Individuals shall not misrepresent diagnostic information, services rendered, or products dispensed, or engage in any scheme or maneuver to defraud in connection with obtaining payment or reimbursement for such services or product.

d. Individuals' statements to the public shall provide accurate information about the nature and management of communication disorders, about the professions, and about professional services.

e. Individuals' statements to the public - advertising, announcing and marketing their professional services, reporting research results, and promoting products - shall adhere to prevailing professional standards and shall not contain misrepresentations.

4. Principle of Ethics IV. Individuals shall honor their responsibilities to the professions and their relationships with colleagues, students, and members of allied professions. Individuals shall uphold the dignity and autonomy of the professions, maintain harmonious interprofessional and intraprofessional relationships, and accept the professions' self-imposed standards.

a. Individuals shall prohibit anyone under their supervision from engaging in any practice that violates the Code of Ethics.

b. Individuals shall not engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the professions or on the individual's fitness to serve persons professionally.

c. Individuals shall assign credit only to those who have contributed to a publication, presentation, or product. Credit shall be assigned in proportion to the contribution and only with the contributor's consent.

d. Individuals' statements to colleagues about professional services, research results, and products shall adhere to prevailing professional standards and shall contain no misrepresentations.

e. Individuals shall not provide professional services without exercising independent professional judgment, regardless of referral source or prescription.

f. Individuals shall not discriminate in their relationships with colleagues, students, and members of allied professions on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

g. Individuals shall not violate these Principles and Rules, nor attempt to circumvent them.

h. Individuals shall inform the board of any violations of this Code of Ethics.

i. Individuals shall cooperate fully with the board on matters of professional conduct relative to this Code of Ethics.

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### **§703. Principle of Ethics I**

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### **§705. Ethical Proscriptions**

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### **§707. Principle of Ethics II**

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### **§709. Ethical Proscriptions**

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**§711. Principle of Ethics III**

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**§713. Ethical Proscriptions**

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**§715. Matters of Professional Propriety**

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**§717. Principles of Ethics IV**

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**§719. Matters of Professional Propriety**

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**§721. Ethical Proscriptions**

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**§723. Principles of Ethics V**

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**§725. Ethical Proscriptions**

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