

## EQUIVALENCY REQUIREMENTS: SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Individuals who do not possess a graduate degree in speech-language pathology but wish to obtain a license through the equivalency process shall meet the coursework and practicum requirements for the area in which licensure is sought as defined in the following sections entitled: Coursework Requirements and Clinical Practicum Hour Requirements.

### A. Coursework Requirements:

1. An applicant who began a graduate program after January 1, 2004, shall have official transcripts submitted by one or more accredited colleges or universities which provide evidence of completion of at least 75 semester credit hours obtained as part of an accredited speech-language pathology program.
2. The following coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a master's program between January 1, 1994 and January 1, 2004.

- a. The applicant shall have official transcripts submitted by one or more accredited colleges or universities which provide evidence of completion of at least 75 semester hours of coursework which constitutes a well-integrated program that includes at least:
  - i. 6 semester credit hours in biological/physical sciences and/or mathematics;
  - ii. 6 semester credit hours in behavioral and/or social sciences;
  - iii. 15 semester credit hours in basic human communication processes to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and/or the linguistic and psycholinguistic aspects.
  
- b. Thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework in speech-language pathology; 30 of which 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.

3. The following coursework requirements apply to applicants who began a master's program prior to January 1, 1994.

a. The applicant shall have official transcripts submitted by one or more 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 process to include the anatomic and physiologic bases, the physical and psychophysical bases, and the linguistic and/or psycholinguistic aspects.

- i. Thirty semester credit hours of professional coursework in speech-language pathology (including at least 6 hours in speech disorders, 6 hours in language disorders and 6 hours in audiology).
- ii. Twenty-one of the 30 semester credit hours shall be in courses for which graduate credit was received.
  
- iii. 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.

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

- a. 400 clinical practicum hours if graduate program began after January 1, 2004.
- b. 375 clinical practicum hours if graduate program began between January 1, 1994 and January 1, 2004.
- c. 300 clinical practicum hours if graduate program began prior to January 1, 1994.