

RECIPROCITY: The regulations simply say that "an applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall submit written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has met all of the licensing requirements above (as well as some minor administrative requirements). 15 Code Miss. R. Pt. 19, Subpt. 60, R. 10.4.3

Audiologist & Speech Pathologist - Licensure Requirements: An applicant for an audiology license or speech language pathology license must meet the following requirements:

Education. Applicant must have:

- at least a master's degree** (M.S., M.A. or M.Ed.) in speech-language pathology, communicative disorders, or speech and hearing science ... **OR**
- a doctoral degree in audiology** from an institution recognized by the MS Board of Health.

Institutions recognized by the State Board of Health shall be those institutions with academic programs accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or any other national accrediting body deemed appropriate by the Board.

Out-of-State Licensees: Applicants for an audiology license who are already licensed as an audiologist in another state with only a master's degree will be accepted for licensure in Mississippi if they are currently nationally certified.

Supervised Professional Employment:

- The applicant must have obtained the equivalent of nine (9) months of full-time professional experience (the Supervised Professional Employment) in which bona fide clinical work has been accomplished in the major professional area (speech-language pathology or audiology) in which the license is being sought.
- An applicant desiring to complete the Supervised Professional Employment Experience must apply to the Board for a temporary license on a form available from the Board and must demonstrate that he is or will be supervised according to Rule 10.4.5 of these regulations.

What is Full-time Employment?
Full-time employment is defined as a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours of work a week.

National Examination: The applicant must have passed a National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, either the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology or the National Examination in Audiology.

When Supervised Employment Plan may be met: For applicants awarded a master's degree, the Supervised Professional Employment Plan (SPEP) must begin after the degree has been awarded. For applicants awarded a doctoral degree, the Supervised Professional Employment Plan requirement may be met prior to awarding of the degree, provided the equivalent of the Supervised Professional Employment Plan is an integral part of the course of study which leads to the awarding of a doctoral degree. For applicants awarded a doctoral degree from institutions that do not incorporate the equivalent of the Supervised Professional Employment Plan into the degree-granting process, the Supervised Professional Employment Plan must begin after the degree has been awarded.

What constitutes "Professional Experience"? Professional experience is construed to mean direct clinical work with patients, consultations, record keeping, or any other duties relevant to a bona fide program of clinical work. Eighty percent (80%) of full-time clinical experience and one hundred percent (100%) of part-time clinical experience will be in direct clinical contact with persons who have communication handicaps. Time spent in supervision of students, academic teaching, and research, as well as administrative activity that does not deal directly with management programs of specific patients or clients will not be counted as professional experience in this context.