

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 14-1.09b as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/14-1.09b)

Sec. 14-1.09b. Speech-language pathologist.

(a) For purposes of supervision of a speech-language pathology assistant, "speech-language pathologist" means a person who has received a license pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology.

(b) The School Service Personnel Certificate with a speech-language endorsement shall be issued under Section 21-25 of this Code to a speech-language pathologist who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) (A) Holds a regular license as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, (B) holds a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and a regular license in speech-language pathology from another state or territory or the District

of Columbia and has applied for a regular license as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or (C) holds or has applied for a temporary license pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act.

(2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution whose course of study was approved or program was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor.

(3) Either (i) has completed a program of study that meets the content area standards for speech-language pathologists approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teachers Certification Board, (ii) has completed a program in another state, territory, or possession of the United States that is comparable to an approved program of study described in item (i), or (iii) holds a certificate issued by another state, territory, or possession of the United States that is comparable to the school service personnel certificate with a speech-language endorsement. If the requirements described in items (i), (ii), or (iii) of this paragraph (3) have not been met, a person must provide evidence that he or she has completed at least 150 clock hours of supervised experience

in speech-language pathology with students with disabilities in a school setting, including experience required by federal law or federal court order; however, a person who lacks such experience may obtain interim certification as established by the Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, and shall participate in school-based professional experience of at least 150 clock hours to meet this requirement.

(4) Has successfully completed the required Illinois certification tests.

(5) Has paid the application fee required for certification.

The provisions of this subsection (b) do not preclude the issuance of a teaching certificate to a speech-language pathologist who qualifies for such a certificate.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for non-teaching speech-language pathologist shall be issued under Section 21B-25 to a speech-language pathologist who (i) holds a regular license as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and (ii) holds a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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