

As of July 1, 2005 the requirements and procedures for professional licensure as a speech language pathologist in Indiana changed. This chart has been developed to assist individuals seeking professional licensure as a speech-language pathologist from the **Indiana Professional Licensing Agency** found on the web at <http://www.in.gov/pla/> and/or the **Division of Professional Standards** found on the web at <http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/>

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| <p><b>Employment as a <u>Clinical Fellow</u> in speech-language pathology in the <u>public schools</u> are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Possess a master’s degree or its equivalent in the area of <b>speech-language pathology</b> from an accredited institution recognized by the IPLA’s Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.</li> <li>✓ Hold evidence of completing the clinical experience requirement for ASHA certification.</li> <li>✓ Hold evidence of passing the Praxis II in speech-language pathology.</li> <li>✓ Complete a Criminal Background Check</li> </ul>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Register as a <b>Clinical Fellow</b> in speech-language pathology with the <b>Indiana Professional Licensing Agency</b>.</li> <li>✓ Apply for an <b>Initial Practitioner license</b> in the area of Communication Disorders from the <b>Division of Professional Standards</b>.</li> <li>✓ File a copy of the <b>Clinical Fellowship Report and Rating Form, (Form D)</b> with the Division of Professional Standards to indicate initiation of this Indiana Mentoring and Assessment Program (IMAP) equivalent.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Employment as a <u>Clinical Fellow</u> in speech-language pathology in <u>healthcare facilities, private practices, and clinics</u>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Possess a master’s degree or its equivalent in the area of <b>speech-language pathology</b> from an accredited institution recognized by the IPLA’s Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.</li> <li>✓ Hold evidence of completing the clinical experience requirement for ASHA certification.</li> <li>✓ Hold evidence of passing the Praxis II in speech-language pathology.</li> <li>✓ Complete a Criminal Background Check</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Register as a <b>Clinical Fellow</b> in speech-language pathology with the <b>Indiana Professional Licensing Agency</b>.</li> <li>✓ File a copy of the <b>Clinical Fellowship Report and Rating Form, (Form D)</b> with ASHA</li> </ul>   |

**Note:** The current **Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA)** was formerly the Indiana Health Professions Bureau (IHPB) and previously the Indiana Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (IBESPA). The **SLPA board** means the **Speech-Language Pathology Board** and is overseen by the IPLA. The **Division of Professional Standards (DPS)** is a new division of the Indiana Department of Education and now oversees the Indiana Professional Standards Board (IPSB).

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| <p>Employment as a <u>Speech Language Pathologist</u> in the public schools are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Possess a master's degree in speech-language pathology or as required by current license held.</li> <li>✓ Hold a current license from the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA).</li> <li>✓ Hold a current license from the Department of Professional Standards (DPS).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PLEASE NOTE</u></b></p> <p><i><b>Holding an IPLA license for school practice is a requirement ONLY for those seeking an initial license as a Proficient Practitioner from the Department of Professional Standards (DPS) after July 1, 2005.</b></i></p> | <p><b>If you hold the certificate of clinical competence (CCC-SLP) issued by ASHA but hold neither an IPLA or DPS license then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete an application for IPLA licensure and wait for your license to be issued and</li> <li>✓ Use evidence of your IPLA license to seek licensure from the DPS.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold an IPLA license, and a DPS license that is not subject to periodic renewal (life license) then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue to meet all requirements for maintaining IPLA licensure and submit a renewal application as required by the agency.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold an IPLA license, and a DPS license that is subject to periodic renewal then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue to meet all requirements for maintaining IPLA licensure and submit a renewal application as required by the agency.</li> <li>✓ Choose to renew your DPS license by either showing evidence of IPLA licensure to the DPS, or by meeting DPS requirements for license renewal (see page 4 for DPS licensure timeline)</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold a license in speech and hearing therapy issued by the DPS, you may seek an IPLA license until July 1, 2007 if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have a master's degree in speech language pathology or a related discipline</li> <li>✓ Have been employed as a speech-language pathologist for at least 9 months in the past 5 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold a life license in speech and hearing therapy from the DPS, you may seek an IPLA license until July 1, 2007 if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have been employed at least 9 months in the last 5 years OR</li> <li>✓ Have evidence of at least 36 hours of continuing education subject to approval by the IPLA after December 31, 2001 and before January 1, 2007</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Employment as a <u>Speech-Language Pathologist</u> in healthcare facilities, private practices, and clinics are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Possess a master's degree in speech-language pathology or as required by current license held.</li> <li>✓ Hold a current license from the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA).</li> </ul>   | <p><b>If you hold an IPLA license then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue to meet all requirements for maintaining IPLA licensure and submit a renewal application as required by the agency.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold the certificate of clinical competence (CCC-SLP) issued by ASHA, or an equivalent from a national association of speech-language pathology, but do not hold an IPLA license then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete an application for IPLA licensure and wait for your license to be issued.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Employment as any type of speech language pathology support personnel (SLP aide, SLP associate, SLP assistant) are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet educational and clinical requirements for registration as either an SLP aide, SLP associate, or SLP assistant.</li> <li>✓ Registration with the IPLA.</li> <li>✓ Work under the direction of a licensed SLP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: After July 1, 2010 all SLP support personnel supervisors MUST hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP).</b></p> | <p><b>If you hold a bachelors degree in speech language pathology and meet the coursework and clinical practicum or experience requirement determined by the IPLA, then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ You MUST complete an application for registration as a <u>speech-language pathology assistant</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold a bachelor's degree in another area then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ You MUST complete an application for registration as a <u>speech-language pathology aide</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold a 2-year associate's degree in speech-language pathology then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ You MUST register with IPLA as a <u>speech-language pathology associate</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you hold a high school diploma (or equivalent) then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ You MUST register with IPLA as a <u>speech-language pathology aide</u>.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><i>Please note that all requirements and procedures pertaining to Support Personnel are pending adoption of Title 880 of the Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA).</i></b></p>  |   |

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| <p><b>Seeking school licensure as a Speech Language Pathologist from another state are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Hold a current license from another state</b> that the IPLA's Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board considers at least equivalent in Indiana at the time the license was issued.</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuing Education for IPLA license renewal are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education for each two-year renewal cycle.</li> <li>• A licensee is not required to complete continuing education requirements for the year in which the initial license is issued. Therefore a person who was issued an original license between the date of January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004 are required to complete eighteen (18) hours of continuing education for the current renewal cycle.</li> <li>• A person who is issued an initial license after January 1, 2005 is not required to submit any continuing education for the this renewal cycle.</li> <li>• Continuing education clock hours must be obtained within the biennial renewal period and may not be carried over from one renewal cycle to another.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete an application for IPLA licensure and wait for your license to be issued.</li> <li>✓ Use evidence of your IPLA license to seek licensure from the DPS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed procedures for IPLA license renewal can be found at:</b><br/><a href="http://www.in.gov/pla/bandc/slpab/renewal.html">http://www.in.gov/pla/bandc/slpab/renewal.html</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DPS (Teacher) Licensure Timeline</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Bulletin 94</b> governs licensing of persons who began their teacher preparation program on or prior to September 9, 1946. It was placed into effect on December 2, 1923.</li> <li>✓ <b>Bulletin 192</b> governs licensing of persons who began their teacher preparation program after September 9, 1946, and who completed it before September 1, 1967.</li> <li>✓ <b>Bulletin 400</b> governs licensing of persons who began their teacher preparation program after September 1, 1963, and who completed it before September 1, 1982.</li> <li>✓ <b>Rules 46-47</b> governs licensing of persons who began their teacher preparation program after August 1, 1978, and who completed it before July 1, 2006.</li> <li>✓ <b>Rules 2002</b> governs licensing of persons who begin their teacher preparation program after July 1, 2002.</li> </ul> |

### CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The IPLA continuing education requirement may be satisfied through participation following activities:

- Educational programs presented by **state scientific and professional organizations**.
- University courses taken beyond those required for initial licensure **if the course content pertains to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology**.
- Lectures or workshops, live or telecast, **if the educational program is relevant to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology**.

### SELF-STUDY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Self-study shall include the following:

- journals and books
- films and video tapes
- visits to facilities;
- meetings with other professionals and
- writing articles for publication.

However, the learning experiences derived from the above **must pertain to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology** and **no more than six (6) hours of the continuing education requirement** may be acquired through self-study.

### CONTACT PERSON

If you have any questions regarding the approval of continuing education programs you may contact the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency by writing to: 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204; by telephone at (317) 234-2064 or by email at [pla5@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla5@pla.in.gov)

*Thanks to ISHA's lobbying efforts and the support of key legislators, HB 1821 was passed during the 2007 Legislative Session. This legislation allows the IDOE to issue initial practitioner licenses to Clinical Fellows.*

*The Indiana Mentoring and Assessment Program (IMAP) equivalency for CCC-SLPs is another victory for ISHA grassroots lobbyists!  
(See 515 IAC 4-2-17)*