

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 147; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 299-305

Job Description Speech pathologists apply principles, methods, and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, rehabilitation, or remediation related to the development and disorders of speech, fluency, voice, or language. They nonmedically evaluate, prevent, ameliorate, modify, or remediate such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.

Speech and hearing are so closely related that a person must have some knowledge of both to be a success as a speech pathologist or an audiologist.

Education & Experience Required An applicant must have a master's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college with a major in speech pathology; not less than 300 hours of supervised clinical training by an accredited college or university; and, not less than nine months of full-time, supervised clinical experience (within one year) with a temporary license or a certificate of clinical competence issued by American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA). Temporary licenses can be obtained, but the licensee must be supervised by an Iowa licensed speech pathologist.

Applicants possessing a current Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) from ASHA may apply at any time.

Continuing Education Thirty hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

Examination After completing the supervised clinical experience, the applicant must take and pass the National Teachers Examination in Speech Pathology with a score of 600 or greater.

Fees Application: \$100 – If licensed in another state and have CCC from ASHA
\$100 – Temporary clinical permit
Renewal: \$80
Exam: Arrangements made by applicant

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 29-1127 – Speech-Language Pathologists (\$22.48)
Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31, 2001: 724

For Additional Information Iowa Department of Public Health Web site:
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>

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