

CHAPTER 67-11-20
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
PARAPROFESSIONALS

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67-11-20-01. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter:

1. "Speech-language pathology paraprofessional" means an individual providing service as a paraprofessional who meets the requirements of this chapter and provides services authorized in this chapter in a school setting from early childhood through grade twelve.
2. "Supervising speech-language pathologist" means an individual who:
 - a. Supervises no more than two speech-language pathology paraprofessionals;
 - b. Holds a current restricted educator's professional license for speech-language pathology at the master's degree level issued by the North Dakota education standards and practices board or holds a current speech-language pathology license issued by the North Dakota state board of examiners on audiology and speech-language pathology; and
 - c. Has a minimum of one year of full-time experience providing speech-language pathology services since receiving the individual's license.

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67-11-20-02. Certificate of completion required.

Individuals providing speech-language pathology paraprofessional services in school settings from early childhood through grade twelve must hold the North Dakota certificate of completion for speech-language pathology or hold a current restricted educator's professional license for speech-language pathology at the master's degree level issued by the North Dakota education standards and practices board or a current speech-language pathology license issued by the North Dakota state board of examiners on audiology and speech-language pathology.

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67-11-20-03. Issuing agency.

The North Dakota certificate of completion for speech-language pathology is issued by the:

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Department of Public Instruction
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 201
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

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67-11-20-04. Certificate of completion standards.

To obtain a certificate of completion for speech-language pathology, an individual must submit a completed application form and either:

1. Have been employed as a speech-language pathology paraprofessional on or before October 1, 2003, and have both a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders and at least one hundred clock-hours of supervised field experience; or
2. Have completed an associate's or bachelor's degree which incorporates:
 - a. Thirty hours of general college education including oral and written communication skills, mathematics, psychology, and the biological and health sciences;
 - b. Thirty hours of college education in the area of speech-language pathology, including classes in anatomy, physiology of speech, language, swallowing and hearing mechanisms, communication development, introduction of clinical processes, and fundamentals of human behavior management; and
 - c. A minimum of one hundred clock-hours of fieldwork experience which is supervised by a qualified speech-language pathologist.

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67-11-20-05. Speech-language pathology paraprofessional services.

1. Speech-language pathology paraprofessionals may only provide speech-language pathology paraprofessional services under the direct control of a supervising speech-language pathologist.
2. A speech-language pathology paraprofessional may:
 - a. Provide speech-language screenings, without interpretation, following specified screening protocols developed by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
 - b. Perform documented tasks developed by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
 - c. Document students' progress toward meeting objectives and report this information to the supervising speech-language pathologist; and
 - d. Prepare materials, perform scheduling, and maintain space or equipment.
3. A speech-language pathology paraprofessional may not:

- a. Make independent decisions regarding changes on the student's individual program;
- b. Perform standardized or nonstandardized diagnostic tests, formal or informal evaluations, or interpret test results;
- c. Take referrals or dismiss students from a caseload;
- d. Participate in conferences or other multidisciplinary team meetings without the presence of the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- e. Disclose confidential information either orally or in writing to anyone not designated by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- f. Provide counseling to the student or family regarding a communication disorder;
- g. Prepare or sign any formal documentation, including an individualized education program or an assessment plan as a supervising speech-language pathologist; or
- h. Maintain the person's own caseload.

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67-11-20-06. Reconsideration.

If an application for a speech-language pathology certificate of completion is denied, the applicant will be notified of the opportunity for reconsideration. Upon receipt of a written denial, the applicant may request a reconsideration of the denial. A request for reconsideration must be in writing and must be received by the superintendent of public instruction within twenty-one days of the date the denial was mailed to the applicant by the superintendent of public instruction. Untimely requests will not be considered. The request for reconsideration must discuss:

1. The fact, law, or rule the applicant believes was erroneously interpreted or applied; and
2. The applicant's arguments on how the fact, law, or rule should have been applied, giving specific reasons and a thorough analysis.

The superintendent of public instruction will issue a final written response on the reconsideration request within twenty-one days after receiving a complete and timely reconsideration request.

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67-11-20-07. Use of federal rules and policies.

Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, applicable federal law and program regulations govern speech-language pathology paraprofessionals.

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