Audiologists

Any person who is qualified by education, training and clinical experience and is licensed to engage in the practice of audiology. The audiologist is an independent practitioner providing services in hospitals, clinics, schools, private practices and other settings in which audiologic services are relevant. Audiology is the study of hearing disorders, including evaluation of hearing function and rehabilitation of patients with hearing impairments.

Speech Language Pathologist

Any person who is qualified by education, training and clinical experience and is licensed to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and is an independent practitioner providing services in hospitals, clinics, public school entities, nonpublic schools, private practices and other settings in which speech-language pathology services are relevant. The practice of speech-language pathology involves the application of principles, methods and procedures of prevention, screening, consultation, identification, assessment and evaluation, determination of disorders and service delivery model, nonmedical treatment and intervention, counseling, collaboration and referral services for persons with known or suspected language, cognitive and linguistic, social, speech (resonance and voice, fluency and sound production), feeding and swallowing, orofacial my functional disorders or communication disorders.
Continuing Education Requirement

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

Training / Experience Requirement

* Experience scale
Less than 1 Year = Under 1,600 Hours
1 year = 1,600 hours - 2,080 hours
2 year = 2,080 + hours

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Audiologists
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Initial Licensing Fee

![Graph showing initial licensing fee comparison with lowest at $25.00 in Missouri and highest at $475.00 in Alaska.]

- **LOWEST:** $25.00 (Missouri)
- **U.S. AVG.:** $50.00
- **HIGHEST:** $475.00 (Alaska)

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

Renewal Fees

![Graph showing renewal fee comparison with lowest at $0.00 in Vermont and highest at $510.00 in Minnesota.]

- **LOWEST:** $0.00 (Vermont)*
- **U.S. AVG.:** $147.50
- **HIGHEST:** $510.00 (Minnesota)

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*Vermont* - As of September 1, 2015, any audiologist currently licensed and in good standing with AOE shall be deemed licensed by OPR and shall be re-issued an initial OPR license at no charge. No. 38, § 35. ([https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/067](https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/067))
**States with Reciprocity or Endorsement**

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**Credentialing**
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Speech Language Pathologists

Degree Requirement

Examination Requirement

Degrees:
- Masters
- Must meet standards for Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by American Board of Audiology or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
- States with 0 required examinations

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Speech Language Pathologists

Training / Experience Requirement

- Under 1 year of training required
- 1 year of training required
- No training requirement

* Experience scale
1 year = 1,600 hours - 2,080 hours
2 year = 2,080 + hours

Continuing Education Requirement

- 0 CE hours
- 10 - 19 CE hours/2 yrs
- 20 - 29 CE hours/2 yrs
- 30 - 40 CE hours/2 yrs

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii & Michigan do not require the report of CE's
Initial Licensing Fee

- **PA**
  - Fee Amount: $50.00

- **U.S. Avg.**
  - Fee Amount: $162.74

- **LOWEST:** $25.00
  - Missouri

- **HIGHEST:** $475.00
  - Alaska

- **MEDIAN:** $145.00

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

Renewal Fees

- **PA**
  - Fee Amount: $65.00

- **U.S. Avg.**
  - Fee Amount: $139.65

- **LOWEST:** $33.00
  - Missouri

- **HIGHEST:** $250.00
  - Maryland

- **MEDIAN:** $145.00

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