

Chapter 10 - Licensure and Fees

Subchapter 3 - Licensure of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

690:10-3-5. Supervised clinical practicum requirement

(a) Speech-language pathology applicants must submit evidence of satisfactory completion of four hundred (400) clock hours of supervised clinical practicum, of which at least 375 must be in direct client/patient contact and 25 in clinical observation that are provided by the educational institution or by one of its cooperating programs. At least 325 of the 400 clock hours must be completed while the applicant is engaged in graduate study in a program accredited in speech language pathology by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Each ~~Speech-Language Pathology~~ speech-language pathology applicant seeking licensure from a non-accredited program shall submit a bona fide official academic transcript(s) and verification of clinical practicum hours.

(b) With the exception of post-masters professional degree (Au.D) applicants and applicants with a Ph.D. with a major emphasis in audiology, audiology applicants must demonstrate completion of a minimum of (1820) supervised clinical hours in audiology through clinical practicum, clinical rotations, or externships during their professional or graduate doctoral degree program. Audiology applicants with a post-masters distance education professional degree (Au.D.) and applicants with a Ph.D. with a major emphasis in audiology must provide evidence of a minimum of (350) supervised clinical hours obtained in audiology through clinical rotations, or externships during their masters or Ph.D. degree program. In addition, audiology applicants with a post-masters distance education professional degree (Au.D.) or a Ph.D. with a major emphasis in audiology must provide evidence of a completed clinical experience of no less than nine (9) months of successful full-time, paid clinical experience in audiology, obtained under the supervision of one or more independent practitioners licensed under the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S. 1601, et. seq., as amended or of one or more persons whose education and experience are the equivalent of an independent practitioner. The supervisor of clinical experience must be eligible for licensure as an audiologist. This supervision must entail the personal and direct involvement of the supervisor in any and all ways that will permit him to evaluate the applicant's performance in professional clinical employment and must include direct observation. The applicant and his supervisor must list and describe the methods of

supervision employed. Specific information should be given regarding the professional activity supervised, the number of supervisory contacts per month, and the length of each supervisory contact. The supervisor shall base his total evaluation on no less than thirty-six (36) supervisory visits. This experience must follow completion of the requirements of 690:10-3-3 and 690:10-3-6. "Full-time" is defined as at least thirty (30) hours per week; the nine (9) months of full time paid experience must be obtained within a period of twenty-four consecutive months. This requirement may also be fulfilled by eighteen (18) months of half time paid experience of at least fifteen (15) hours per week which must be completed within a period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months. All clinical practicum, clinical rotations or externships adduced to satisfy this requirement must have been obtained under the supervision of an individual eligible for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist under the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S. 1601, et. seq., as amended, and this Chapter. The supervisor of clinical practicum, clinical rotations or externships must be eligible for licensure in the professional area (speech-language pathology or audiology) in which the supervision is provided.

690:10-3-6. Clinical experience fellowship requirement

(a) Clinical experience fellowship form.

(1) Each speech-language pathology applicant shall submit evidence (Clinical Experience Fellowship Form) of no less than nine (9) months of successful, full time, paid, clinical experience fellowship in the area for which a license is required, obtained under the supervision of one or more practitioners who meet the requirements for supervision of clinical experience interns fellows set forth in subchapter five of this chapter. This supervision must entail the personal and direct involvement of the supervisor in any and all ways that will permit the supervisor to evaluate the applicant's performance in professional clinical employment and must include direct observation. The applicant and the supervisor must list and describe the methods of supervision employed. Specific information should be given regarding the professional activity supervised, the number of supervisory contacts per month, and the length of each supervisory contact. The supervisor shall base the total evaluation on no less than thirty-six (36) supervisory visits. This experience fellowship must follow completion of the requirements of 690:10-3-3 and 690:10-3-6. "Full-time" is defined as at least thirty (30) hours per week; the nine (9) months of

full time paid ~~experience~~ fellowship must be obtained within a period of twenty-four consecutive months. This requirement may also be fulfilled by eighteen (18) months of half time paid ~~experience~~ fellowship of at least fifteen (15) hours per week, which must be completed within a period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months.

(2) With the exception of audiology applicants with a post-masters distance education professional degree (Au.D.) or applicants with a Ph.D. with a major emphasis in audiology, each audiology applicant will be required to present to the Board a copy of an Au.D. degree diploma, or its equivalent, from an accredited academic institution in order to demonstrate completion of the clinical rotation or externship requirement.

(b) Waiver of clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship requirement. The Board ~~hall~~ shall waive the clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship requirement and grant a license to any applicant who holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its current equivalent in the area for which he is applying for licensure, provided that the current requirements for such certification are equivalent to or greater than those for licensure under the Speech-Language-Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S. 1601 et. Seq., as amended. The current requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association are deemed the equivalent of those for licensure under the Act. Evidence of such certification shall be received by the Board directly from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. All fees associated with obtaining such evidence shall be borne by the applicant.

690: 10-3-7. Examination requirement and exceptions

(a) Examination. All applicants for licensure as a speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist must present evidence of successful completion of the examination approved by the Board. The examination must be passed within two (2) years after board approval of the applicant's first application for a ~~clinical experience intern~~ license as a clinical fellow. Failure to pass the examination within this time period shall result in revocation of authorization to practice as a clinical ~~experience intern~~ fellow under supervision as defined in Subchapter 5 of this Chapter.

(1) The Board designates as its approved examinations the most current versions of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Praxis II Audiology Exam and the Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology Exam, or any other national examination recognized by the

Board to have similar standards equal to or higher than the ETS Praxis II exams. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to assure that the testing vendor forwards the examination score to the Board.

(2) An applicant who fails an examination may retake it upon payment of another examination fee to the testing vendor and at any time the testing vendor regularly administers the ETS Praxis II Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology exams. Arrangements and fees are the responsibility of the applicant.

(3) Exceptions to the two year requirement may be granted by the Board under extenuating circumstances.

(b) Waiver of examination. The Board shall waive the examination and grant a license to any applicant who holds the Certificate of Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its current equivalent in the area for which he is applying for licensure, provided that the current requirements for such certification are equivalent to or greater than those for licensure under the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S. 1601, et. seq., as amended. The current requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association are deemed the equivalent of those for licensure under the Act. Evidence of such certification shall be received by the Board directly from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. All fees associated with obtaining such evidence shall be borne by the applicant.

(c) Reciprocity. The Board may issue a license without examination to a person who holds a current license in another state or country in speech-language pathology or audiology according to the following conditions:

(1) the other state or country maintains a system and standard of qualifications and examinations for speech-language pathologists and audiologists which meet or exceed the current requirements for licensure in Oklahoma;

(2) payment of the Board's current fee for licensure; and

(3) submission of evidence satisfactory to the Board of proof of licensure in good-standing in another state or country.

(d) The Board shall expedite the process of licensure by reciprocity for applicants whose spouse is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States if:

(1) the military service member is on active duty within Oklahoma or claims permanent residency within

Oklahoma for the six (6) months prior to assignment to active duty or during the period of the active duty and

(2) the applicant left employment in another state to accompany the military service member spouse to Oklahoma.

690:10-3-8. Continuing education (CE) for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech - language pathology assistants

(a) Purpose. The purpose of continuing education requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists is to assure that licensees update and advance their skills such that the public shall benefit from the most current and effective standards of professional practice. To further the goal of public benefit, all speech-language pathologists and audiologists are encouraged to fulfill a portion of their ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education requirements in the area of ethics, professional conduct, and related legal issues.

(b) Clock hours required for license renewal. A licensee must obtain a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours of acceptable continuing education, including at least three clock hours of professional ethics in a two-year period. The continuing education period begins in January of every odd-numbered year. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist obtaining initial licensure during a two-year period shall have his or her continuing education requirement prorated to 2.5 clock hours per ~~full quarter every full three month quarter~~ remaining in that the two-year period. If ~~the pro-rated hours are total of pro-rated hours is~~ less than five clock hours, the requirement for at least three clock hours of ethics does not apply.

(c) Approval of continuing education activities required. Continuing education hours may be granted for acceptable educational activities which are approved by the Board, or by a committee appointed by the Board. No hours will be granted for any activities or categories of activities that have not been approved. A provider of educational activities may apply to the Board for pre-approval of an activity. The provider shall be responsible for compliance with the standards for approval of the activity, verification of participation, and for the provision of the necessary verification of attendance forms to all participants. This verification of attendance form shall include: The participant's name, the presenter's name and credentials, the presentation topic, the program sponsor or agency, the location of the presentation, the dates of presentation, and the total number of clock hours attended. A list of preapproved activities is available on the website or by

contacting the board office. Any activity not included on this list will require approval by the Board for credit.

(d) Exceptions to the requirements. Exceptions to the pre-approval requirement may be granted at the discretion of the Board for programs presented by recognized sponsors whose programs have been pre-approved by the Board. The university academic semester hour is equivalent to fifteen (15) clock hours, and shall be verified by the presentation of an official academic transcript showing course or audit credits. The licensee is ultimately responsible for providing all information necessary for the Board to make a final determination concerning the acceptability of any requested continuing education hours.

(e) Fee for approval. Providers of continuing education programs may be charged a fee for approval of their program. This fee shall be set by the Board.

(f) Kinds of educational activities for which credit may be received. Continuing education hours may be earned through formal organized learning experiences, scientific publications, attendance at regularly scheduled meetings of international, national, regional, or state professional associations, or through presentations to appropriate groups not related to the speech-language pathologist's or audiologist's regular employment.

(g) Hours allowed. Continuing education activities, whether received or presented by the speech-language pathologist or audiologist, must be targeted toward a professional audience. In those instances when the speech-language pathologist or audiologist is teaching in programs such as institutes, university or college courses, seminars, workshops, and conferences which have been granted approval by the Board, three (3) clock hours will be given for each one (1) hour that is taught, provided that such teaching is not part of the speech-language pathologists or audiologists regular employment. Publication in a ~~professionally~~ professionally related format approved by the Board shall be equal to up to twenty (20) clock hours. Completion of select job-required activities such as CPR training, etc. can be counted once in the two-year period for a maximum of 20% of the total required hours. Other activities may be credited as authorized and disseminated separately by the Board.

(h) Petition for extension. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who fails to comply with the required twenty (20) hours of continuing education in the two year continuing education period ending December 31 may, by submitting an individual review fee of fifty (\$50.00), petition the Board for a ninety (90) day extension. Failure to meet this deadline may result in disciplinary action. The petition for extension shall

be filed prior to the expiration of the continuing education period.

(i) Petition for hardship relief. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist may petition the Board for partial or complete relief of the continuing education requirements upon the showing of incapacitation or serious illness of licensee or licensee's immediate family member, or licensee's absence from the United States for a period of at least eighteen (18) months during the continuing education period, or the licensee is a member of the armed forces on full-time active duty during the continuing education period. The petition for hardship relief should be filed prior to the expiration of the continuing education period, and will be accepted no later than February 1st of the year following the audit period.

(1) Individuals with medical disabilities must provide evidence that documents the inability to work in the professions, such as a letter from a doctor or a Social Security Administration determination letter. Individuals with medical disabilities will be required to sign an affidavit confirming that they are not providing or supervising the provision of clinical services. In addition, individuals with temporary medical disabilities will be required to affirm every two years that they continue to be classified as medically disabled.

(2) Members of the armed forces on full-time active duty will be required to provide a copy of their deployment orders and a signed affidavit stating they will not practice during their deployment. They will be assigned a new 2-year maintenance interval that will start on January 1 of the year following their return. If licensees are deployed for the purpose of providing clinical services or supervising the provision of clinical services, an exemption will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

(j) Audits of continuing education. The Board will conduct audits every two years (every even year) of licensee compliance with continuing education requirements.

(1) A minimum of 3% of licensees will be audited.

(2) Those audited will be required to submit verification of completion for each continuing education activity completed within the audited period. The verification shall be signed by the course provider and shall include the title of the activity, the course description, the number of contact hours and a contact for verification of participation. An official continuing education transcript from a Board

approved provider is acceptable verification. The verification must be submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification of selection for audit. Failure to submit verification as required shall be considered non-compliance with the continuing education requirements, and the licensee shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph four of this subsection.

(3) Licensees will maintain all original documentation of attendance, course agendas and/or other supporting documentation. The Board may request copies of such documentation as is necessary to determine if an activity will be accepted for continuing education credit. The Board will destroy all such copies following the audit.

(4) Licensees found to be non-compliant with the continuing education requirement shall have ninety (90) calendar days from receipt of notification of continuing education deficiency to complete the following:

(A) obtain ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education hours sufficient to meet this requirement;

(B) submit verifications of completion to the Board;

(C) pay a penalty fee equal to half of the licensure renewal fee. This fee is in addition to any fees for late license renewal. Such hours may not be counted toward fulfillment of future ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education requirements. Failure to comply with the provisions of the paragraph within the ninety (90) calendar day period may result in disciplinary action.

Subchapter 5 - Licensure of Speech-Language Pathology Clinical ~~Experience-Interns Fellows~~ Completing Post-Graduate Clinical ~~Experience-Fellowship~~

690:10-5-1. License to practice as a speech-language pathology clinical ~~experience-intern fellow~~

Persons in the process of fulfilling the supervised clinical experience required by paragraph 3 of Subsection A of Section 1605 of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, as amended, for licensure as a speech-language pathologist must practice as a clinical ~~experience-intern fellow~~ under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

Upon completion of the clinical ~~experience fellowship~~ requirement, the applicant may apply for ~~full~~ independent licensure and pay the required fee.

690:10-5-3. Representation of clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ as independent practitioner

A licensed clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ shall not state, imply or otherwise represent that he or she is authorized to practice independently without the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist. Preparation or distribution of announcements of practice, independent telephone listings, internet or social media advertisements or other such notices or representations which indicate or imply that the clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ is an independently licensed speech-language pathologist shall be considered unprofessional conduct, and will result in discipline as authorized by the Speech-Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act.

690:10-5-4. Application form for clinical ~~experience interns fellows~~

Application for authorization to practice as a clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ under supervision shall be made in the same manner and on the same forms that are used to apply for licensure as a speech-language pathologist ~~and/or audiologist~~. A notarized letter of agreement shall be provided with each application. The letter of agreement must be signed by both the applicant and the proposed supervisor, and must be submitted with the application. Said notarized letter of agreement shall explicitly indicate that the supervisor agrees to supervise the clinical ~~experience intern's fellow's~~ practice of speech-language pathology ~~or audiology~~ and that the supervisor accepts complete and full responsibility for the clinical ~~experience intern's fellow's~~ activities and services.

690:10-5-5. Authorization period and extensions for clinical ~~experience interns fellows~~

Authorization for practice as a clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ under this Subchapter shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of approval by the Board of the application for practice under supervision. A full one (1) year extension of this authorization shall be considered only on written request of the clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ and such request must be received prior to the end of the one (1) year period of previous authorization. Failure to apply for extension shall result in an automatic revocation of authorization to practice. Such revocation shall not jeopardize

later application for authorization. If, during the completion of the clinical ~~experience-year~~ fellowship, it is necessary for a change of supervisors to occur, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Board of the change and to submit revised paperwork.

690:10-5-6. Requirements for supervision of clinical ~~experience~~ interns fellows

(a) Clinical ~~experience-interns~~ fellows must be supervised by a speech-language pathologist who has been licensed for a minimum of two years. Licensure as a clinical ~~experience-intern~~ fellow does not count toward the two-year license requirement.

(b) Each supervising speech-language pathologist shall accept no more than two clinical ~~experience-interns~~ fellows. Each supervisor holding licenses in both speech-language pathology and audiology is restricted to no more than two persons to supervise, in aggregate.

(c) Beginning January 2017, the supervising speech-language pathologist must have successfully completed at least six hours of Board approved training in clinical supervision. At least Three three hours must include instruction in the knowledge and skills areas necessary for clinical ~~experience~~ fellow supervisors as identified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), other organizations, or entities the Board deems acceptable.

(d) A speech-language pathologist who has completed six hours of training is eligible to supervise both clinical fellows and speech-language pathology assistants, provided that the six hour training includes three hours specific to supervision of clinical fellows and three hours specific to supervision of assistants.

690:10-5-7. Notification of Board decision

The applicant and supervisor shall be notified by mail of the decision of the Board with respect to an application filed under this Subchapter. Any Board decision concerning a clinical ~~experience-intern~~ fellow shall also be communicated by mail to the individual and his supervisor.

690:10-5-8. Direct supervision required

The applicant must practice in a setting which permits direct supervision by the supervising speech-language pathologist ~~or audiologist~~. The supervising speech-language pathologist ~~and audiologist~~ must engage in no fewer than thirty-six (36) supervisory activities during the clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship. This supervision must include at least eighteen (18) on-site observations of direct client contact at the clinical

~~experience intern's fellow's~~ work site (one (1) hour equals one (1) on-site observation; a maximum of six (6) on-site observations may be accrued in one (1) day.) "On-site" is defined as physical presence at the clinical ~~experience intern's fellow's~~ work site. At least six (6) observations must be accrued during each third of the clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship. These on-site observations must be of the clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~ providing screening, evaluation assessment, habilitation, and rehabilitation. In addition, the supervision must include at least eighteen (18) other monitoring activities. At least six (6) other monitoring activities must be completed during each of the three segments of the clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship. These other monitoring activities may be executed by correspondence, review of video tapes and/or audio tapes, evaluation of written reports, phone conferences and/or other telepractice activities with the clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~, and evaluations by professional colleagues.

Subchapter 7 - Licensure of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Audiology Assistants

690:10-7-1. Practice as an assistant

(a) Any person not eligible for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or clinical ~~experience intern fellow~~, who assists in the practice of speech-language pathology, unless exempt pursuant to Section 1604 of this Act, must be licensed by the Board as a speech-language pathology assistant. Licensure to practice as a speech-language pathology assistant may be granted to applicants who meet the qualifications set forth in the law and rules of the Board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a practitioner from employing any individual in non-clinical capacities.

(b) The Board shall consider on an individual basis the request of each applicant for a speech-language pathology assistant license. Before granting a license the Board will consider the applicant's academic training and clinical experience, specific duties and responsibilities, and amount and nature of the applicant's supervision. The Board retains the power to determine whether or not an applicant meets the requirements.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2015, any person not eligible for licensure as an audiologist, who assists a licensed audiologist in the practice of audiology, unless exempt pursuant to Section 1604 of this Act, must be authorized by the Board as an audiology assistant. To be eligible for authorization, applicants must meet the qualifications set forth in the law and rules of the Board. Before granting an authorization, the Board

will consider the applicant's specific duties and responsibilities, and amount and nature of the applicant's supervision. The Board retains the power to determine whether or not an applicant meets the qualifications for authorization.

690:10-7-3. Supervision required

(a) The speech-language pathology assistant must be supervised by a speech-language pathologist who has been licensed for two years. Each supervisor shall accept no more than two assistants. Licensure as a clinical ~~experience-intern~~ fellow does not count toward the two-year license requirement. Each practitioner licensed in both speech-language pathology and audiology is likewise restricted to two assistants in aggregate. Further, the total number of licensees supervised by a single supervisor shall not exceed two.

(b) Beginning January 2017, the supervising speech-language pathologist must have successfully completed at least six hours of Board approved training in clinical supervision. Three hours must include instruction in the knowledge and skills areas necessary for speech-language pathology assistant's supervisors as identified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), other organization or entity the Board deems acceptable. A speech-language pathologist who has completed six hours of training is eligible to supervise both clinical fellows and speech-language pathology assistants, provided that the six hour training includes three hours specific to supervision of clinical fellows and three hours specific to supervision of assistants.

(c) A speech-language pathology assistant shall practice under a minimum of 30% supervision weekly, of which 20% is direct and 10% is indirect for the first 90 workdays. After successful completion of the first 90 workdays, a minimum of 10% of direct supervision is required with 20% indirect supervision. The supervising speech-language pathologist must be available by electronic means at all times when the speech-language pathology assistant is performing clinical activities. The supervision must be documented ~~in the client/patient record and~~ on a supervision log signed by the supervisor and the assistant. Direct supervision must also be documented on the client/patient session note. Records of supervision are subject to inspection by the Board.

(1) Direct supervision: in-view observation and guidance by a speech-language pathologist while the speech-language pathology assistant is providing an assigned clinical service to a patient. While directly supervising, the speech-language pathologist may not

perform any clinical services unrelated to the client/patient receiving services from the speech-language pathology assistant.

(2) Indirect supervision means the supervising speech-language pathologist is engaged in supervisory activities other than direct supervision, observation and guidance of the assistant while the assistant is providing an assigned clinical service to a patient. Indirect supervision activities performed by the supervising speech-language pathologist may include but are not limited to demonstration, record review, review and evaluation of audio or videotaped sessions, and interactive television and supervising conferences that may be conducted by telephone, email or live webcam.

(d) The supervising speech-language pathologist is responsible for exercising his or her professional judgment to determine the appropriate level of supervision at or above the required minimum necessary to ensure that each client/patient receives competent services. The supervising speech-language pathologist should consider:

- (1) the individual speech-language pathology assistant's knowledge, experience and competence;
- (2) the treatment setting;
- (3) the client/patient's diagnosis/prognosis; and
- (4) the nature of the assigned clinical service.

(e) For audiology assistants, direct supervision is required when the assistant is performing activities involving direct patient care. Direct supervision requires the supervising audiologist to be present on-site for supervision and guidance of the assistant. Indirect supervision of the audiology assistant is permissible when the audiology assistant is performing duties or activities that do not involve direct patient care. Indirect supervision requires the supervising audiologist to be available for instruction or guidance but does not require the supervising audiologist to be present on-site. The audiology assistant must be supervised by an audiologist who has been licensed for two years. Each supervisor shall accept no more than two assistants.

690:10-7-9. Academic Requirements

(a) Academic requirements for speech-language pathology assistants.

- (1) Each speech-language pathology assistant applicant shall hold not less than an associate's degree, or its

equivalent, with a major emphasis in speech-language pathology from an accredited academic institution.

(2) Each speech-language pathology assistant applicant shall submit a bona fide official transcript(s) and verification of academic preparation and clinical experience. ~~reflecting a minimum of eighteen (18) semester credit hours in general education, a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in technical content,~~ The transcript must reflect a minimum of 18 but no more than 25 semester credit hours in general education, with the balance of the hours in technical content for a total of a minimum of sixty hours. The clinical experience component shall consist of a minimum of twenty five (25) hours of observation which precede a minimum of 100 clock hours of supervised clinical experience supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist.

(A) General education. The general education component typically includes, but is not limited to, course work in oral and written communication, mathematics, computer applications, social sciences and natural sciences.

(B) Technical content. The technical content component must include, but is not limited to the following areas:

- (i) Normal processes of communication.
- (ii) Overview of communication disorders.
- (iii) Instruction in assistant-level service delivery practices.
- (iv) Instruction in work-place behaviors.
- (v) Cultural and linguistic factors in communication.
- (vi) Observation experiences include direct on-site observation of a licensed speech-language pathologist. Additional observation experiences may include on-site, video or digital observation of a ~~fully~~ licensed speech-language pathologist.

(C) Clinical experience. Applicants must complete 100 clock hours of clinical experience supervised by a speech-language pathologist. The clinical experience requirement must be completed

through an accredited academic institution with a Board approved degree program.

(b) Academic requirements for audiology assistants. Each audiology assistant applicant shall hold not less than a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Subchapter 9. Fees

690:10-9-2. License renewal fee

(a) The license renewal fee shall be eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) each calendar year. The renewal fee is due on or before December 31st of each year. Failure of any licensed person to pay the renewal fee before the first day of January does not deprive the licensee of the right to renew the license, but the fee paid for renewal postmarked after December 31st shall be increased by 50% for each month or fraction thereof that the payment is delayed, up to a maximum of three times the renewal fee (\$255.00). Failure to pay the renewal fee by January 1st, however, shall render the license invalid until renewed. Renewal of an invalid license within the first year will result in an automatic audit of that licensee's ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education activities for the preceding continuing education two-year reporting period. Failure to renew a license within the twelve month period following expiration, without otherwise placing the license(s) in question on inactive status (see 690:10-9-6), will render the license permanently invalid, requiring reapplication for licensure based on meeting all current requirements for licensure in the applicant's area of specialization. ~~including completion of another clinical experience year and retaking the exam.~~ The applicant whose license has been expired for less than five years may petition the Board to waive the clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship requirement and/or the examination requirement.

(b) Any licensee whose license is active and in good standing; is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and is on active duty at the time of renewal is exempt from payment of the renewal fee. Upon receipt of notice of assignment to active duty from the licensee, the Board shall automatically renew the license without fee each year thereafter of active duty military service, and for up to one year after the date of discharge from active duty.

690:10-9-7. Inactive status fee

(a) A one-time fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged a licensed speech-language pathologist, audiologist or speech-language pathology assistant to place the license on

inactive status, provided that, prior to expiration of the license, the licensee makes written application to the Board for such status. Thereafter, the licensee may reactivate the license upon payment of a reactivation fee equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the current license renewal fee. A licensee must be in compliance with ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education requirements to be placed on inactive status, and must maintain compliance while inactive. During the period of time the license is on inactive status, the licensee shall not engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in the State of Oklahoma, unless the licensee is exempt from licensure pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1604. A license may be maintained in inactive status for no longer than ten years.

(b) To reactivate a license on inactive status, the licensee must make written application to the Board, pay a reactivation fee equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the current license renewal fee, and provide proof of compliance with ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education requirements during the time the license was inactive.

(c) In addition to the requirements in subsection (b) of this rule, if the license has been on inactive status for a period of five (5) years or more, the licensee shall be required to demonstrate competence to practice by completion of one of the following requirements within the last two (2) years prior to submission of the application for reactivation:

- (1) retake and pass the exam required for licensure;
- (2) show proof of licensure and at least 520 hours of practice in another state;
- (3) show proof of at least 520 hours of practice in a setting exempt from licensure pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1604;
- (4) show proof of completion of an additional twenty hours of ~~Continuing Education~~ continuing education