Title 690. BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE AND FEES

SUBCHAPTER 3. LICENSURE OF Speech-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

690:10-3-6. Clinical fellowship requirement

(a) Clinical fellowship form.

(1) Each speech-language pathology applicant shall submit evidence (Clinical Fellowship Form) of no less than thirty-six (36) weeks of successful, full time, paid, clinical fellowship obtained under the supervision of one or more practitioners who meet the requirements for supervision of clinical 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 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 thirty-six (36) weeks of full time paid 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 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 fellowship requirement. The Board shall waive the clinical 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.

**SUBCHAPTER 5. LICENSURE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CLINICAL FELLOWS COMPLETING POST-GRADUATE CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP**

**690:10-5-4. Application form for clinical fellows**

Application for authorization to practice as a clinical 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. A 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 letter of agreement shall explicitly indicate that the supervisor agrees to supervise the clinical fellow's practice of speech-language pathology and that the supervisor accepts complete and full responsibility for the clinical fellow's activities and services.

**SUBCHAPTER 7. LICENSURE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS AND AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS**

**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 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) For the first 90 workdays following licensure, a speech-language pathology assistant shall practice under a minimum of 30% supervision weekly, of which 20% is direct and 10% is indirect. After successful completion of the first 90 workdays, a minimum of 10% of direct supervision is required with 20% indirect supervision. The Supervisor for a speech-language pathology assistant who regularly practices twenty hours or less per week may request that the number of hours of supervision be calculated based on the assistant's total number of hours of practice in each month, rather than each week. 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 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.

690:10-7-5. Application for speech-language pathology assistant license or Audiology assistant authorization

Application for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant or authorization as an audiology assistant shall be made by submitting to the Board an application approved by the Board, signed by both the applicant and proposed supervisor. The application must indicate that the supervisor agrees to supervise the assistant's practice and that the supervisor accepts full and complete responsibility for that practice.