

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 690. BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Brief description of the proposed permanent rules:

CHAPTER 10- LICENSURE AND FEES

SUBCHAPTER 3- Licensure of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

- 690:10-3-5 Supervised clinical practicum requirement [AMENDED]
- 690:10-3-6. Clinical ~~experience~~ fellowship requirement [AMENDED]
- 690:10-3-7. Examination requirement and exceptions [AMENDED]
- 690:10-3-8 Continuing education (CE) for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants [AMENDED]

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 [AMENDED]
- 690:10-5-3. Representation of clinical ~~experience intern~~ fellow as independent practitioner [AMENDED]
- 690:10-5-4 Application form for clinical ~~experience-interns~~ fellow [AMENDED]
- 690: 10-5-5 Authorization period and extensions for clinical ~~experience-interns~~ fellows [AMENDED]
- 690: 10-5-6. Requirements for supervision of clinical ~~experience-interns~~ fellows [AMENDED]
- 690:10-5-7. Notification of Board decision [AMENDED]
- 690:10-5-8 Direct on-site supervision required [AMENDED]

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

- 690:10-7-1. Practice as an Assistant [AMENDED]
- 690:10-7-3 Supervision required [AMENDED]
- 690:10-7-9 Academic requirements [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 9- Fees

- 690:10-9-2. License renewal fee [AMENDED]

SUMMARY

The proposed amendments to Chapter 10 change the phrase “clinical experience intern” to “clinical fellow,” and the phrase “clinical experience “ to “clinical fellowship”

throughout Subchapters 3 and 5. Rule 10-3-8 is amended to clarify the prorated amount of continuing education required by licensees.

Rules 10-5-6 and 10-7-3 are amended to clarify the supervision training requirement. In section 10-5-8, “audiologist” is removed from the section because an audiologist does not supervise a clinical fellow.

Rule 10-7-3 is also amended to add new language about documenting supervision. Rule 10-7-9 is amended to change the academic requirements for speech-language pathology assistants. Rule 10-9-2 is amended to change the application requirements for persons whose licenses have permanently expired.

- 1. Classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rules:**
 - Speech-Language Pathologists
 - Audiologists
 - Audiology Assistants
 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

- 2. Classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules:**
 - Consumers of speech-language pathology and audiology services
 - Speech-language pathologists and Audiologists

- 3. Economic impact of the proposed rules:**

There are no identified or anticipated costs to be borne by the public.

- 4. Probable costs to the agency, any other agency and any public or private entities of the proposed rules:**

The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will bear all financial responsibility for the implementation and publication of the new rules.

The agency has not received any information on cost impacts from any private or public entity. No other agencies, public or private entities will be responsible for any costs.

- 5. Determination of impact of proposed rules on any political subdivision or small business:**

None identified or anticipated.

- 6. Determination of less costly, non-regulatory, or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules:**

None identified or anticipated.

- 7. Determination of the effect of the proposed rules on the public health, safety, and environment:**

The proposed rules will facilitate improved regulation of the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology within the State of Oklahoma, thereby increasing consumer protection.

8. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if rules are not implemented:

None identified or anticipated

9. Date the Rule Impact Statement was prepared: January 30, 2017.

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