

Note: In order to be licensed in California, it is required that you have supervised professional experience in the United States. As a first step, you should contact several Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists or Licensed Audiologists (depending on the license you are seeking) and inquire about their willingness to provide you with supervision. You may want to contact a university that offers Speech-Language Pathology program or the California Speech-Language and Hearing Association (www.csha.org) for some ideas on possible supervisors and sites. Once you have secured volunteer or paid employment where you can complete your supervised professional experience, you should have your credentials evaluated and at the same time start your application process with the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

1. **Educational Credentials Evaluation**- If you are a Speech-Language Pathologists or Audiologist graduate from a school outside the United States, one of the first steps is to have your educational credentials evaluated by an approved credential evaluation service. Depending on which license you are seeking, either Speech Language Pathology or an Audiologist license, you should request that the evaluation of your education be focused on that area. If you are seeking both licenses, you need to have two separate evaluations. The California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board currently lists 16 approved evaluation services. Some of these services are the following:
 - i. **Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.** – PO Box 51470, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Tel. (414) 289-3400. www.ece.org
 - ii. **International Education Research Foundation, Inc.**- PO Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231. Tel. (310) 342-7086. www.ierf.org
 - iii. **International Education Consultants**- PO Box 248233, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Tel (305) 273-1616. www.jslincy.com
 - iv. **World Education Services, Inc.**- PO Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113. Tel (212) 966-6395. www.wes.org
2. **California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board**- 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 98525. Tel (916) 263-2666. www.slpab.ca.gov. At the same time that you are having your education evaluated, you should contact the Board and request a “Required Professional Experience Packet (RPE). You will need to send a check for your initial application fee (\$35 in 2003) and a completed “Application for Temporary Required Professional Experience License”. At this time, you should have identified a licensed speech-language pathologist supervisor. The Board must approve your RPE application prior to the start of your supervised experience. The Board will send a confirmation letter to you and your supervisor.
 - a. **Required Professional Experience (RPE)**- This experience is defined as thirty-six (36) weeks of full-time experience (30 hours per week minimum) or seventy-two (72) weeks of part-time experience (15-29 hours per week).
 - b. **Other Requirements**- Within 90 days of your RPE application, the board must also receive your credentials evaluation, transcripts and a “Report of Clinical Practicum” from your school, and a “Application for Licensure” with photo and fee and your fingerprints.
3. **Speech-Language Pathology National Examination and Audiology National Examination**- The exam can be taken before your RPE experience or during your RPE experience. It is not recommended that you wait until the end of your RPE to take the exam. The Educational Testing Service provides both of these tests. The tests are given at over 400 different tests centers throughout the United States. The Speech-Language Pathology exam has 150 multiple-choice questions and last two hours. You must pass with a score of 600 to become licensed as a Speech-Language Pathologists. The Audiology exam also has 150 multiple-choice questions and lasts 2 hours. You must also pass with a score of 600 to become licensed as an Audiologist. The cost for each of the tests in 2003 was \$70. You may be able to request additional time to take the test if English is not your first language. You can register on line at www.ets.org/praxis or request a registration bulletin at: The Praxis Series-Educational Testing Service. P.O. Box 6051. Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. Tel- (609) 771-7395

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