

282—15.12(272) Speech-language pathologist.

15.12(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement (or statement of professional recognition) is authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

15.12(2) Option 1: Program requirements.

a. An applicant must hold a master's degree in speech pathology.

b. Content. An applicant must have completed the requirements in speech pathology and in the professional education sequence, i.e., 20 semester hours including student teaching/internship as a school speech-language pathologist. Courses in the following areas may be recognized for fulfilling the 20-hour sequence:

(1) Curriculum courses (e.g., reading, methods, curriculum development).
 (2) Foundations (e.g., philosophy of education, foundations of education).
 (3) Educational measurements (e.g., school finance, tests and measurements, measures and evaluation of instruction).

(4) Educational psychology (e.g., educational psychology, educational psychology measures, principles of behavior modification).

(5) Courses in special education (e.g., introduction to special education, learning disabilities).

(6) Child development courses (e.g., human growth and development, principles and theories of child development, history and theories of early childhood education).

General education courses (e.g., introduction to psychology, sociology, history, literature, humanities) will not be credited toward fulfillment of the required 20 hours.

c. The applicant must complete an approved human relations component.

d. The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

15.12(3) Option 2: Statement of professional recognition (SPR). If an applicant has completed a master's degree in speech pathology but has not completed the education sequence or chooses not to be certified, the applicant must obtain a license from the Iowa board of speech pathology and audiology, department of public health. Additionally, the person is required to obtain an SPR from the board of educational examiners.

a. Procedure for acquiring the SPR. The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency must submit a letter requesting that the authorization be issued. The following documents must be included:

(1) A copy of a temporary or regular license issued from the professional licensure division, department of public health.

(2) An official transcript reflecting a master's degree in speech pathology.

b. A temporary SPR will then be issued for one school year. An approved human relations course must be completed before the start of the next school year. The applicant must provide evidence that:

(1) The applicant has completed the human relations component within the required time frame; and

(2) The class of license from the professional licensure division is a regular license in the event a temporary license was issued initially.

c. Renewal requirements for this SPR are set out in 282—Chapter 17.