

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 61.—Licensure of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists

28-61-2. Qualifications for licensure.

(a) To determine whether or not an applicant has completed the educational requirements in the area for which the applicant seeks licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6505 and amendments thereto, consideration shall be given to whether or not the academic course of study and practicum content are accredited by the American speech-language-hearing association or are deemed equivalent to the course of study and practicum content of Kansas universities by the secretary.

(b) Each applicant who completed the educational requirements specified in K.S.A. 65-6505, and amendments thereto, in a program not accredited by the American speech-language-hearing association shall meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Obtain an equivalency validation of the academic course of study or practicum content, or both, from a Kansas college or university with a speech-language pathology or audiology program accredited by the American speech-language-hearing association; and

(2) provide transcripts and supervised practicum records verifying that the applicant has successfully completed coursework or supervised practicum experiences related to the principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for individuals with communication and swallowing disorders in the following subject areas:

(A) Articulation;

(B) fluency;

(C) voice and resonance, including respiration and phonation;

(D) receptive and expressive language in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and manual modalities;

(E) hearing, including the impact on speech and language;

(F) swallowing;

(G) cognitive aspects of communication;
(H) social aspects of communication; and
(I) communication modalities, including oral, manual, augmentative, and alternative communication, and assistive technologies.

(c) To determine whether or not an applicant has complied with the requirement that the degree be from an educational institution with standards consistent with the standards of Kansas universities pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6505 and amendments thereto, consideration shall be given to whether or not the institution is accredited by an accrediting body recognized by either the council on postsecondary accreditation or the secretary of the U.S. department of education, or is deemed equivalent by the secretary.

(d) Each applicant who completed the educational requirements specified in K.S.A. 65-6505, and amendments thereto, outside the United States or its territories and whose transcript is not in English shall submit an officially translated English copy of the applicant's transcript to the secretary and, if necessary, supporting documents. The transcript shall be translated by a source and in a manner that are acceptable to the secretary.

(e) Each applicant who completed the educational requirements specified in K.S.A. 65-6505, and amendments thereto, outside the United States or its territories shall obtain an equivalency validation from an agency approved by the secretary that specializes in educational credential evaluations.

(f) Each applicant shall pay any transcription or equivalency validation fee directly to the transcriber or the validating agency.

(g) The supervised clinical practicum as specified in K.S.A. 65-6505, and amendments thereto, shall be at least 400 hours, 25 of which shall be observation and 375 of which shall be direct client contact. At least 325 of the 400 hours of supervised clinical practicum shall be earned at the graduate level in the area in which licensure is sought.

(h) Each applicant, after completing the requirements in K.S.A. 65-6505 and amendments thereto, shall successfully complete the supervised postgraduate

professional experience requirement in the area for which the applicant seeks licensure. The applicant may complete the requirement on a full-time or part-time basis.

(1) "Full-time" means 35 hours per week for nine months.

(2) "Part-time" means 15 to 19 hours per week for 18 months, 20 to 24 hours per week for 15 months, or 25 to 34 hours per week for 12 months.

(3) Each applicant working full-time shall spend 80 percent of the week in direct client contact and activities related to client management.

(4) Each applicant working part-time shall spend 100 percent of the week in direct client contact and activities related to client management.

(5) "Direct client contact" means assessment, diagnosis, evaluation, screening, habilitation, or rehabilitation of persons with speech, language, or hearing handicaps.

(6) Each postgraduate professional experience supervisor shall be currently and fully licensed in Kansas for speech-language pathology or audiology or, if the experience was completed in another state, either be currently and fully licensed in that state or hold the certificate of clinical competence issued by the American speech-language-hearing association. The supervisor's license or certificate shall be in the area for which the applicant seeks licensure.

(7) The supervisor shall evaluate the applicant on no less than 36 occasions of monitoring activities with at least four hours per month. The supervisor shall make at least 18 on-site observations with at least two hours per month.

(8) Monitoring occasions may include on-site observations, conferences in person or on the telephone, evaluation of written reports, evaluations by professional colleagues, or correspondence.

(9) The supervisor shall maintain detailed written records of all contacts and conferences during this period. If the supervisor determines that the applicant is not providing satisfactory services at any time during the period, the supervisor shall inform the applicant in writing and submit written reports to the applicant during the period of resolution.

(10) No licensee shall be approved to serve as a supervisor for a postgraduate professional experience once the secretary initiates a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6508, and amendments thereto. After the disciplinary action or actions

have been concluded, a licensee whose license has been reinstated or otherwise determined to be in good standing may be considered as a supervisor.

(i) Each applicant shall be required to pass the specialty area test of the national teacher examination of the educational testing service in the area for which licensure is being sought. The passing score for the examination shall be 600.

(1) The educational testing service shall administer the examinations at least twice a year within Kansas.

(2) Each applicant shall register to take the examination through the educational testing service, pay the examination fee directly to the educational testing service, and request that the test score be sent directly to the department from the educational testing service.

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