

Frequently Asked Questions

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What education do I need for certification as a speech-language pathology assistant?

We are developing rules to detail the specific requirements of certification. The Board of Hearing and Speech will review and approve education programs that meet the qualifications.

When will the competency checklist be completed and what is the “grandfathering” time period?

We are developing rules to identify competencies for certification of individuals who meet the qualifications. ([Section 11 of ESSB 5601.](#)) We must receive all applications for “grandfathering” by July 26, 2011. Any applicant applying after that date must meet the educational requirements.

How and when can I apply?

We will start accepting applications no later than July 26, 2010. The applications will be available online. You can join our [interested parties list](#) to receive updated information.

How much does it cost to be certified?

We are completing a fee study to establish fees. We will have more information on fees as soon as the study is completed.

What tasks can speech-language pathology assistants perform?

We are developing rules to outline the procedures or tasks allowed under direct and indirect supervision. You can join our [interested parties list](#) to receive updated information regarding rules.

If I work for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, do I have to be certified as a speech-language pathology assistant through the Department of Health?

If you choose to become certified and refer to yourself as a certified speech-language pathology assistant, you must be certified through the Department of Health.

How do I get HIV/AIDS education and training and how many hours do I need?

We are developing rules to determine HIV/AIDS education requirements. State law requires either four or seven hours of AIDS/HIV education and training. ([WAC Chapter 246-12, part 8](#)) Some educational programs may have already provided individuals with the necessary hours. You can find HIV/AIDS education and training courses or the AIDS/curriculum on our [Website](#).

How can I be involved and stay informed?

You can join our [interested parties list](#). We will send notices and updates to our [interested parties list](#) as new information becomes available.