



Speech-Language Pathology Provisional Licensee

Please read this information very carefully and contact the Board office if you have any questions.

Within the first 30 days of employment, you **must** apply for a provisional license. The following is required for application; a completed and signed application, \$100.00 non-refundable application fee, and Clinical fellowship year plan.

To obtain provisional licensure, you **must** have passed the Praxis examination scoring 162 or better. An official score report must be sent directly to the Board (recipient code #R8773). Photocopies will **not** be accepted. You **cannot** be licensed to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in Arkansas if you do not pass this examination.

While ASHA will allow you to begin your clinical fellowship year (CFY) prior to the granting of your Master's Degree, ABESPA **will not**. You **must** have your Master's Degree in order to apply for licensure. Per our Rules and Regulations Section 2.7 (B), if you complete all requirements, but the degree will not be posted prior to your starting date at work, you may submit a letter from the chair of the department stating that you have completed requirements for graduation and will receive your degree on "graduation date". **A transcript is still required.**

Your CFY supervisor **must** be licensed by ABESPA.

Your Provisional license will not be issued until the Board has reviewed your completed application.

The licensure board meets every other month usually on the third Friday: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

- The board will review applications during regular meetings.
- The applicant will be notified in writing if additional information is required for approval.
- If the application is accepted and approved by the Board, a provisional license will be issued.
- License information will be listed in our Licensure Directory.

Please read the licensure laws and rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding licensure, call the Board office.

Application check list for Provisional applicants:

Items 1-3 must be received in our office within the first 30 days of practice.

1. Completed and signed application
2. Check or money order for non-refundable \$100.00 application fee
3. Clinical Fellowship Year Plan
4. Official undergraduate and graduate degree transcripts. Accepted electronically or by mail directly from the University or sealed in the University's envelope.
5. Copy of your summary of clinical practicum hours (i.e. CALIPSO)
6. Official Praxis score of 162 or better obtained directly from ETS. Recipient score code for ABESPA is R8773.