

Licensure for Educational Speech-Language Pathologists

Two Licensure Options

Iowa has two licensure options for speech-language pathologists to work in educational settings:

1. A professional service license issued by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE); and/or
2. A Statement of Professional Recognition from the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners with a license to practice speech-language pathology issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Option 1

Individuals with a professional service license, issued by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners, are authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to students from birth to age 21.

- The [Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#) website provides detailed information.
- **Renewal requirements:** License renewal credits (college credit, staff development credit, or other activities meeting Board of Educational Examiners' criteria) must be earned in order to renew this license. The individual should check the BOEE website for current requirements.

Option 2

A [Statement of Professional Recognition](#) (SPR) may be obtained from the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners, to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the educational setting, with an Iowa Department of Public Health license.

- For those employed by an education agency and who have completed a master's degree in speech-language pathology but did **not** complete the education sequence or chose not to be licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners, a **Statement of Professional Recognition (SPR)** must be obtained from the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.
- For the SPR to continue to be valid, the DPH license must be maintained and the speech-language pathologist must complete an approved course in human relations before the start of the next school year.

Further Information

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) provides further information regarding Speech-Language Pathology licensure.

- **Licensing Board:** The Iowa Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners
- **Applicability:** This license is required for all individuals engaged in the practice of speech pathology as defined in Iowa Code, Chapter 147.
- **Renewal requirements:** The individual is required to complete Continuing Education Units (CEUs) during the two-year period preceding license renewal. Renewal credits may be used for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) associated with the Iowa Department of Public Health license, however, CEUs may not always meet BOEE licensure renewal requirements.