Licensure for Educational Speech-Language Pathologist

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 BOEE with a license to practice speech-language pathology issued by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL).

Option 1

Individuals with a Professional Service License or an Initial Professional Service License, issued by the Iowa BOEE, are authorized to serve as a speech-language pathologist to students from birth to age 21.

Terms and requirements for each license, including information on renewals, extentions and conversions available on the following webpages:

- Professional Service License
- Initial Professional Service License

Option 2

A Statement of Professional Recognition (SPR) may be obtained from the Iowa BOEE, to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the educational setting, if the individual is appropriatly licensed with the Iowa DIAL.

- 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 Iowa BOEE, a SPR must be obtained from the Iowa BOEE.
- For the SPR to continue to be valid, the DIAL 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

DIAL provides further information regarding Speech-Language Pathology licensure:

- Licensing Board: The Iowa Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners
- Applicability: The 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 CEUs associated with the DIAL license, however, CEUs may not always meet Iowa BOEE licensure renewal requirements.