

HIGHLIGHTS OF MOST RECENT ADE CERTIFICATION CHANGES FOR SLPS

	Prior to January 1, 2007	After January 1, 2007
ADE Certificate Classification	Speech therapists were certified under a special education teaching certificate.	Speech therapists are certified under a professional non-teaching certificate.
Certificate Title	Bachelors level and Masters level therapists held the same certificate through ADE.	Bachelors-level speech therapists are certified under a Speech-Language Technician certificate; Masters-level SLPs are certified under the Speech-Language Pathologist certificate.
Clinical Clock Hours	Clinical clock hours were optional and not a separate requirement. Verification of clinical clock hours was NOT required.	Clinical clock hours must be verified for both certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech-Language Pathologist - 250 or a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) • Speech-Language Technician – 150 or 2 years of verified experience as school speech-language therapist/technician.
Other Teaching Certificate Requirements	Speech therapists were required to pass Professional Knowledge and Subject Knowledge exams, satisfy an AZ and US constitution requirement, and complete Structured English Immersion (SEI) training.	The AZ and US constitutions, SEI training, and the Professional Knowledge exam are no longer required.
Scope of Practice	The certificate allowed both Bachelors level and Masters level therapists to do the <u>same job</u> in the public schools.	The certificates allow both Speech-Language Technicians (Bachelors) and Speech-Language Pathologists (Masters) to do the <u>same job</u> in the public schools. (NO CHANGE)

Note: This is an overview of selected highlights and is not to be confused with any certification document prepared by ADE.