

SLPs in ADE 30 years ago ... Masters recognized, but not required.

ADE teaching certificates were Standard or Basic, depending on educational level of the teacher. Both Standard and Basic certificates were renewable.

- Speech and Language Therapy certificates: Speech Therapist (K-12), valid 6 years, both renewable
 - STANDARD – Completion of an approved Masters degree OR an approved 30 semester hour program beyond the Bachelors degree.
 - BASIC – For those who did not qualify for the Standard certificate
- Supervised clinical clock hours were required.
- Considered “Specialized Service Certificates,” not Special Education certificates.

1985 ... 8 years to obtain Masters or 40 upper division hours/graduate semester hours beyond the Bachelors

- A NEW “Temporary” certificate became effective October, 1985.
 - 8 years, NOT renewable.
 - By the end of the eight years, must have obtained a Masters degree or 40 semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework from a regionally accredited institution.
 - ADE allowed a maximum of 10 semester hrs of district approved inservice credit (15 class hours equaled 1 semester hour).
 - Didn't affect those already holding the Basic or Standard certificates
- Speech and Language Therapy was a “Special Education” teaching certificate.

1996 ... Temporary certificate remains; clarification of clinical hours.

Temporary Speech and Language Therapy Certificate – K-12, Valid for 8 years, NOT renewable.

- Requirements:
 1. A Bachelor's degree;
 2. Completion of a preparation program in speech and language pathology or communication disorders from an accredited institution; or 45 semester hours of courses, including 30 semester hours of courses for the speech-language impaired.
 3. Completion of a minimum of 200 clock hours of supervised clinical practice in speech and language disorders. All clinical practice clock hours shall be supervised by an ASHA-certified pathologist or by a state certified speech and language therapist and must be earned in a program taken from a regionally accredited university.

Standard Speech and Language Therapy Certificate – K-12, Valid for 6 years, renewable

- Requirements:
 1. Qualify for the Temporary Speech and Language Therapy Certificate;
 2. A Masters degree or 40 semester hours of upper division OR graduate courses from a regionally accredited institution beyond the Bachelors degree. Ten semester hours may be State Board approved district inservice credit. (15 classroom hours equals one semester hour of credit.)
 3. Completion of a total of 275 clock hours of supervised clinical practice in speech and language disorders. These clinical clock hours may include those required for the Temporary Speech and Language Therapy certificate. All clinical practice clock hours shall be supervised by an ASHA-certified pathologist or by a state certified speech and language therapist and must be earned in a program taken from a regionally accredited university.

1997 ... Masters degrees and additional graduate education no longer required in teaching certificates. Temporary & Basic renamed "Standard" certs.

- Requirements for the Standard Speech and Language Therapy certificate (renewable):
 1. A Bachelor's degree;
 2. 45 semester hours of education courses, including:
 - 30 semester hours of courses in speech and language and
 - 200 clock hours of supervised clinical practice in speech and language disorders. All clinical practicum clock hours must be supervised by an ASHA certified pathologist or a state certified speech and language therapist and must be earned in a program conducted by a regionally accredited institution.
- 180 hours of professional growth activities* were required to convert temporary certificates to standard on their reissue date OR renew standard certificates issued after 7/1/97.
- Professional Growth Activities for renewal requirements could include: courses from an accredited university (1 semester hour of credit = 15 hrs of instruction); district in-service sessions; professional educational conferences, seminars and workshops; business internships ...

1999 ... "Provisional" certificates issues to all first-time applicants.

2001 ... No Masters. Clinical clock hours optional. Then 2002 Emergency Rules.

Provisional "Speech-Language Impaired" Certificate – K-12, Valid 2 years, NOT renewable.

- Requirements: (including valid Class 1/Class 2 fingerprint clearance card and AZ/US Constitution reqs.)
 1. A Bachelor's degree;
 2. One of the following:
 - a. Completion of a preparation program in speech and language pathology or communication disorders from an accredited institution; OR
 - b. 45 semester hours of courses, including 30 semester hours of courses for the speech-language impaired. Courses shall include survey of exceptional students, teaching methodologies for students with speech impairment, foundations of instruction of students with speech-language impairment, and diagnostic and assessment procedures for the speech language impaired services and a minimum of 200 clock hours of supervised clinical practice in providing speech and language impairment services. All clinical practice clock hours shall be supervised by an ASHA-certified pathologist or by an individual who holds a speech and language impaired certificate; OR
 - c. A valid Speech and Language Impaired certificate from another state.
 3. Passing score on elementary professional knowledge part of AZ Teacher Proficiency Assessment;
 4. A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment. "A current **Certificate of Clinical Competence** may substitute for a passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment" (**REMOVED** in 2002 Emergency Rules).

Standard "Speech and Language Impaired" Certificate – K-12, Valid 6 years, renewable

- Requirements: (including a valid Class 1/Class 2 fingerprint clearance card)
 1. Qualification for the Provisional Speech and Language Impaired certificate;
 2. A passing score on the performance portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment if adopted by the Board, or 2 years of verified teaching experience, as specified in R7-2-603. The performance exam was not adopted by the Board. Therefore, two years of teaching during the valid period of the Provisional certificate was required to convert to a Standard.

2007 ... SLPs changed from "Teaching" to "Professional Non-Teaching" certificates.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE TECHNICIAN (SLT), PREK-12 ... (BACHELORS DEGREE)

- Valid for 6 years
- Renewable with the completion of 180 clock hours of graduate level coursework in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language disorders, low incidence disabilities, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models.
- Requirements: (including photocopy of a valid AZ Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by AZ DPS)
 1. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited program in Speech-Language Pathology, Speech-Hearing Science, or Communication Disorders. Official transcript(s) required.
 2. A minimum of 50 hours of university supervised observation. Submit a letter from a university department head or designee to verify observation hours.
 3. **ONLY ONE of the following:**
 - a. A minimum of 150 university clinical clock hours. Submit a letter from a university department head or designee to verify clinical clock hours; OR
 - b. A minimum of 150 clock hours supervised by a Master's level licensed speech-language pathologist. Submit a letter signed by a Master's level, licensed speech language pathologist to verify clock hours; OR
 - c. Two years of experience as a school speech-language therapist or technician. Submit a letter on official letterhead from the District Superintendent, Personnel Director, or designee to verify experience.
 4. A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST (SLP), PREK-12 ... (MASTERS DEGREE)

- Valid for 6 years
- Renewable with completion of 60 clock hours of relevant professional development in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, low incidence disabilities, curriculum and instruction, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models.
- Requirements: (including photocopy of a valid AZ Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by AZ DPS)
 1. A Master's or more advanced degree, from an accredited institution, in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders. Official transcript(s) required.
 2. A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence. Submit a letter signed by a university department head or designee OR signed by a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence to verify clinical clock hours.
 3. **ONLY ONE of the following:**
 - a. A Certificate of Clinical Competence. Submit a notarized photocopy of Certificate of Clinical Competence and ASHA membership card OR submit a letter from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to verify your Certificate of Clinical Competence; OR
 - b. A passing score on the Education Testing Service National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology. Submit a notarized photocopy of score report; OR
 - c. A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).