



ARKANSAS BOARD EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

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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, the non-refundable application fee, and the Clinical fellowship year plan.

To obtain speech-language pathology or audiology 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). You **cannot** be licensed to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in Arkansas if you do not pass this examination. It is **not** required to pass the Praxis examination prior to applying for speech-language provisional license.

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 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.

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 by our office within the first 30 days of practice.

1. Completed and signed application.
2. Check, money order, cash, or online payment for non-refundable application fee.
3. Clinical Fellowship Year Plan
4. Official graduate degree transcripts. Accepted electronically or by mail directly from the University or sealed in the University's envelope.
5. Official Praxis score of 162 or better obtained directly from ETS. Recipient score code for ABESPA is R8773.