



Fall Quarter eNewsletter

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Message from the Board Chairperson

I would like to wish all of you a happy fall season. We are a few months from completing the 2013-2014 practice biennium. The Board is preparing to mail license renewal letters to all licensed audiologists, speech-language pathologists, dual licensees, and aides. Please review the important information regarding your license renewal and continuing education requirements.

I would like to thank the speech-language pathologists working in the school setting who responded to our invitation to complete the SLP Service Delivery Model/Scope of Practice in Schools board survey in August. And

I would like to invite more school-based SLPs who have not yet accepted our invitation to take a few minutes to complete this survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLXH3QS>

We are happy to see so many licensees who recently signed up with CE Broker, the Board's official continuing education tracking system. Many licensees have already reported their 20 hours of continuing education and will be automatically exempt from an audit. Are you signed up yet? Please refer to the information in this edition about how you can sign-up for a free basic

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Message from the Executive Director

I would like to welcome everyone to this fall edition of the Board's eNewsletter. We have very important licensure updates inside this edition. License renewal letters are in final production for over 7,000 licensees and scheduled for mailing the week of

October 6. Please be sure to review complete information about licensure renewal on page three. Our eNewsletter covers a variety of topics of interest for licensees, consumers, and those who employ speech-language pathologists, audiologists,

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Message from the Board Chairperson

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account, report your hours, and be exempt from a continuing education audit in 2015.

As we complete the final quarter of the calendar year, the Board will hold its organizational board meeting on December 2. The Board will set its meeting dates and elect board and committee positions for 2015. We will have more information about this in our next eNewsletter edition, and available on our website.

The Board’s annual strategic planning meeting will be in January on a date yet to be determined. If you are experiencing any issues or concerns in the professions that you would like the Board to address in 2015, please let us know by contacting our Executive Director, Mr. Gregg B. Thornton.

On behalf of the entire Board, we wish everyone an enjoyable fall season.

Thank you,
Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

Message from the Executive Director

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conditional speech-language pathologists, and aides. If there are any questions, feedback, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at gregg.thornton@slpauld.ohio.gov.

Thank you,
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

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Important Information

Has your contact information changed?

You may submit a written request to update your contact information at board@slpauld.ohio.gov. Please include your license number. You may also update your information at any time using your assigned User ID/Password.

All licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any change of name, place of business, or mailing address within thirty days of said change per OAC section 4753-3-03.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at www.slpauld.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.

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Licensure Renewal 2014 - Update

Licensure Renewal Letters In Final Production

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology would like to remind licensees that all active speech-language pathology and audiology licenses expire on December 31, 2014, at midnight, and must be renewed prior to January 1, 2015, to avoid a late fee of \$150.00. The renewal fee for a speech-language pathology or audiology license will be \$120.00. The renewal fee for dual license holders will be \$170.00. The renewal fee for aides will be \$50.00.

The Board will mail renewal notification letters to all licensees the week of October 6, 2014. We strongly encourage licensees to continue to renew their license online through our secure website. The online licensure renewal website will be available by October 15, 2014. Online renewal will not be available for dual license holders and aides.

Licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists are required to earn twenty hours of continuing education between January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. At least ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in the area of licensure. For a speech-language pathology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology; for an audiology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of audiology. Ten continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both.

An individual licensed as both an audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall earn twenty continuing education hours for each license within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. Appropriate continuing education hours may be used for both licenses. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in each area of licensure. Please note that the two hour ethics requirement is not effective until January 1, 2015 for the 2015-2016 practice biennium. Ethics is not required for this current practice biennium. We will have more information about the ethics requirement in a future newsletter edition.

A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for their first renewal. Please refer to the continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 for more information. <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4753-4>

The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind licensees that anyone interested in placing their license in 'Inactive Status' must submit an application during the renewal period. The application fee for inactive status is \$25.00. The application will be available to download from our website in September. A license holder currently in inactive status must submit a new application and a fee of \$25.00 during this biennial renewal to remain inactive. (Continued, next page)

Licensure Statistics

As of October 4, 2014

Audiologists:	981
Speech-Language Pathologists:	6990
Dual Licensees (SLP & AUD):	40
Conditional Licensees:	362
Student Permits:	0
SLP Aides:	10
AUD Aides:	74
Inactive Speech-Language Path.:	153
Inactive Audiology:	26
Total Licenses:	8,636



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Licensure Renewal 2014 - Update (Continued)

Additionally, all licensees will be asked to update their practice setting on the renewal application. The Board will continue to utilize this information to track shortages in specific practice settings across Ohio and share that information with stakeholders.

Finally, please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, or name since the last renewal in 2012, please take a moment to submit your updated information in writing to board@slpaud.ohio.gov. You may also update your contact information using your user ID/password at any time at the following link on our website: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/changes.stm>. If you do not have your assigned user ID/password, please submit a written request to the Board office via mail, fax or e-mail. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive renewal notices in a timely manner. We look forward to renewing your license beginning in September.

Governor's Office Announces Board Appointments

On September 30, 2014, Governor John R. Kasich reappointed audiology board member Tammy Brown to a three year term ending on September 26, 2017. The Governor also appointed Angela N. King of Celina (Mercer County) to fill the remaining public member term, which will end on September 26, 2016.

Board Survey For School Based SLPs - Reminder

The Board would like to thank the school based speech-language pathologists who completed the "SLP Service Delivery Model/Scope of Practice in Schools" board survey in August. We would like to invite more school-based SLPs who have not yet responded to take a few minutes to complete this survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLXH3QS> Your response will help the Board to address issues with caseload and personnel shortages in the school setting. The survey will be available through December 2014.

National Provider Identifier Numbers Required - Reminder

The Board was informed that due to federal changes to conform with standardization of transactions reported under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), school based speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists must apply for a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. The NPI is provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Ohio Department of Education Medicaid School Program (MSP) coordinates the federal Medicaid matching funding for specific direct services occurring in school districts. The MSP program is coordinated jointly with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (formerly Department of Job and Family Services). The NPI is a 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier (10-digit number). Intelligence-free means the number does not carry information about health care providers, such as the state where the provider practices, the provider type, or the provider's specialization. The NPI must be used in place of the older legacy provider identifiers, such as a Unique Provider Identification Number (UPIN). *(NPI Numbers Required - continued on next page)*



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National Provider Identifier Numbers Required - Update (Continued)

You may apply for an NPI number by applying through a web-based application process. This process takes less than five minutes to apply online, and the number is issued within a few minutes. Visit CMS' website at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. You may also complete, sign, and mail a paper application form to the NPI Enumerator. For a copy of the application form (CMS-10114), refer to <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf> on the CMS website. A hard copy application can also be requested through the NPI Enumerator by calling 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.

Licensees shall abide by federal, state and regional laws regarding billing for services and products rendered, per board rule [OAC 4753-9-01\(B\)\(6\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#).

How To Report Alleged Violations

The practice of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is governed by Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753. The Board has the power and duty to investigate all alleged irregularities and any violations of laws under this chapter or rules adopted by the board.

Any person who wishes to make a complaint against any person licensed pursuant to Chapter 4753 or against a person or entity engaging in unlicensed practice shall submit a complaint in writing to the board within one year from the date of the action or event upon which the complaint is based.

Complaints may be submitted to our mailing address at:
Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
77 South High Street, Suite 1659
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via our secure fax at: (614) 995-2286 or via our e-mail address at: board@slpauld.ohio.gov

If you have any questions about a specific situation, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton, directly at: gregg.thornton@slpauld.ohio.gov or (614) 644-9046.



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Ohio Department of Education—Operating Standards and Guidance For School-Based Licensees

If you practice in a school setting, the Board would like to remind you that the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently updated their Operating Standards for the education of children with disabilities. The revised operating standards, which are Ohio Administrative Code Rules 3301-51-01 to 09,11 and 21, became effective on July 1, 2014.

Please visit the following website for information, resources, and guidance regarding the important changes or clarifications to special education requirements.

- [ODE's Operating Standards and Guidance For the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)

In our last edition, we provided the following links available from the ODE's website for information and resources regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

- [Students with Disabilities and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee FAQ](#)
- [Third Grade Reading Guarantee Guidance for Students with Disabilities Web Page](#)

School-based practitioners should bookmark these links and visit these sites on a regular basis because the ODE will post updates to their procedures and guidance as they become available.

Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program—Now Accepting Applications

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is pleased to announce the availability of [The Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program \(OHAAP\)](#) beginning August 2014. OHAAP is a temporary program that provides assistance to families with children birth to twenty-one years of age with permanent hearing impairments to purchase hearing aids.

Licensed Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters interested in serving as OHAAP providers must have a signed agreement in place with the ODH. If you are interested in serving as an OHAAP provider, please complete the request located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHAAP>

Participating Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters will be reimbursed \$750 per hearing aid based on eligibility. Please feel free to contact Melissa McCoy at Melissa.McCoy@odh.ohio.gov or (614) 466-1995 with any questions regarding the OHAAP program.

If you are interested in serving as an OHAAP provider, please do not delay in submitting your request in order to be eligible for funds still available in this program through June 30, 2015. Apply Today!



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OBSLPA LICENSED SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS SEEKING ODE LICENSURE

The Ohio Department of Education welcomes requests from **OBSLPA LICENSED** speech language pathologists for a review of their credentials by the Ohio Credential Review Board in order to determine if they qualify for the Pupil Services license required for Ohio school-based employment.

Requests for a review by the Credential Review Board must include:

- Valid license granted by the Ohio Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA)
- Verification of professional experience working with children and/or other populations (multiple letters of recommendation and third party documentation of work experience)
- Official transcripts of all college coursework, undergraduate and graduate
- A summary cover letter from the candidate providing background information and requesting a credential review for ODE SLP licensure
- A resume
- Documentation of training, education, competency and/or professional development work related to the practice of speech language pathology with school age children
- Praxis II speech language pathology specialty area test scores
- Any other materials the candidate wishes to provide for review

Candidates may submit a packet of materials to the address shown below. (Please gather all documents and submit them as one package rather than sending individual items at different times from different sources.)

Please send materials to:
Jennifer Kangas, Associate Director,
Office of Educator Licensure
Ohio Department of Education
25 S. Front Street Mail Stop 105
Columbus OH 43215-4183

Questions regarding ODE licensure in speech/language pathology may be directed to: Jennifer Kangas at (614-387-7717) or Jennifer.Kangas@ode.state.oh.us

OR

Adrian Allison, Director, Office of Educator Licensure (614) 387-0951 or Adrian.allison@ode.state.oh.us



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ODH Bulletin

An update submitted to us from our partners at the Ohio Department of Health

1;3;6 Goals for Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

Screen by 1 month; Diagnose by 3 months; Early Intervention by 6 months
(Hospital Screening) (Audiological Evaluation) (Ohio's Regional Infant Hearing Program)

Training Opportunity for Pediatric Audiologists is being offered by National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM)

Please check out this opportunity for **free training** on **Accurately Diagnosing Hearing Loss in Infants** at: http://www.infanthearing.org/flashplayer/hd_videos.htm?file=http://www.infanthearing.org/flashvideos/webinars/InfantAuditoryAssesment-TheBigPicture.mp4

Dr. James Hall provides an overview of the infant auditory system, reviews auditory procedures for clinical assessment for children, and outlines the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing position standards related to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. The webinar, created by Dr. Hall for the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management provides approximately 2 hours of training plus a Question and Answer section.

NCHAM e-Learning offers other learning opportunities over the internet to enable stakeholders to improve Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs. Many of the e-learning activities have Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and most are free of charge. For more information go to: <http://www.infanthearing.org/elearning/index.html>

For More Information:

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IHP Website: <http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/en/Infant%20Hearing/Infant%20Hearing.aspx>

HMG Website: <http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/>

BCMH Website: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cmh/cwmh/bcmh1.aspx>



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Licenses Continue To Sign-up With CE Broker

CE Broker is the Board's Official Continuing Education Tracking System. The system was launched in January 2013. The continuing education tracking system will improve the random audit selection process. For example, the Board will exempt licensees from the continuing education audit who have reported their 20 hours to CE Broker. The most frequent question the Board receives is the following:

Do I need CE Broker if I have already subscribe to a CE Registry, such as ASHA or AAA?

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has partnered with CE Broker to transfer course credits (ASHA CEUs) to CE Broker on behalf of Ohio licensees who use the ASHA CE Registry. ASHA has notified their members about the steps to have continuing education hours obtained from ASHA approved CE providers transmitted to CE Broker. Rest assured that all ASHA CEUs earned by Ohio licensees on or after 01/01/2013 will be submitted to CE Broker.

The American Academy of Audiology will only submit Academy courses to CE Broker upon request of the member. You need to be a current Academy member and email them your Ohio license number. For Academy approved courses offered by a third party (CE Providers) there is a \$5/course fee.

Please visit the Board's website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/cebroke.htm> for additional details and to sign-up.

Benefits of CE Broker

- *Track your continuing education hours required to renew your Ohio license*
- *Know precisely how many hours you've completed and how many hours are remaining in each category, i.e., specific to clinical practice and related*
- *Exemption from continuing education audit*

Sign-up for CE Broker Today!

Creating an account only takes a few minutes. Click on the CE Broker link below to register.

[CE Broker](#)



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Upcoming Conferences

Fall 2014



The Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) announces:

Celebrating 20 years of Communication Excellence, OSSPEAC will hold its Annual Fall Conference in Columbus at the Polaris Hilton Hotel, from **October 19-21, 2014**. On-line registration is available until October 11. Please visit [OSSPEAC's website](#) for more information and registration details.

Winter 2015



The Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) announces:

The OAA will hold its bi-annual Ohio Audiology Conference (OAC) in Columbus at the Airport Embassy Suites from **February 19-21, 2015**. For more information about conference sessions and registration, please visit [OAA's website](#).

Spring 2015



The Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association (OSLHA) announces:

OSLHA will hold its annual convention in Columbus at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center from **March 19-21, 2015**. The theme for the convention will be: "Exploring Future Possibilities Through Best Practice" For more information about conference sessions and registration, please visit [OSLHA's website](#).

Special Note

The Board has been invited to present during these conferences. For conferences in 2015, the Board's presentation will satisfy a minimum of one hour of the two hour ethics required during the 2015-2016 biennium. Board members and staff will also be in attendance to answer any questions related to licensure issues.

The Board's presentation will cover the role of the licensure board and include updates on licensure issues. There will be opportunities during the presentation for questions and group discussion.

- **Learn about issues affecting your license**
- **Learn about new changes/updates to laws and rules**
- **Opportunity for discussion of issues in a group setting**
- **Opportunity to ask questions**
- **Direct access to Board members and staff**

Conferences offer excellent opportunities for continuing education hours and networking.

ETS Sets New Score Scale For SLP Praxis Exam

As of September 2014 the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J. reported test scores for Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) national exam on a 100-200 score scale in one-point increments. The SLP test is a new test using code 5331. The required passing score on the new scale is 162. The Board will formally adopt the new scale and passing score at its next meeting on October 7, 2014. The Board will continue to accept the passing score of 600 for the previous praxis exam.

OBSLPA FALL/EARLY WINTER CALENDAR—2014-2015



October 1

Application Review and Approval

October 7

Board & Committee Meetings

October 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

October 13

State Holiday - Columbus Day - Board Office Closed

October 27

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

November 3

Application Review and Approval

November 10

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

November 11

State Holiday - Veterans Day - Board Office Closed

November 17

Application Review and Approval

November 25

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

November 27

State Holiday - Thanksgiving Day - Board Office Closed

December 1

Application Review and Approval

December 2

Board & Committee Meetings

December 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

December 15

Application Review and Approval

December 25

State Holiday - Christmas Day - Board Office Closed

December 26

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

December 31

Last Day To Renew License

January 1

State Holiday - New Year's Day - Board Office Closed

January 2

Application Review and Approval

Note: Board & Committee meeting dates are subject to change. Please visit our website to confirm dates.

Please visit the Board's website at www.slpaud.ohio.gov for the specific time and location of the Board and committee meetings. In addition, you may also download the Board's agenda and meeting minutes.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.



Ask the Board:

Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each quarterly newsletter.



I subscribe to ASHA's CE Registry. Should I sign-up with CE Broker?

Yes, the Board recommends that you sign-up for a free basic account with CE Broker because CE Broker tracks your continuing education hours for your Ohio license.

ASHA's CE Registry tracks your continuing education hours to maintain your ASHA certification. ASHA will automatically report your hours to CE Broker under the following conditions:

- Have a paid ASHA CE Registry;
- Provide ASHA with your Ohio license number;

- Take courses offered for ASHA CEUs, i.e., ASHA approved providers; and
- Complete the ASHA CEU Participant form at the end of the program.

You may verify that ASHA has your Ohio license by going to ASHA's website - the [License and Credential Information page](#). Login with your ASHA username and password. Click on the "License Area" hyperlink, and confirm your license number. If your license number does not appear, enter your number and click "Save."