



Spring Quarter eNewsletter

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Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Message from the Board Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley

I would like to welcome everyone to the spring edition of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA) eNewsletter. Several important updates are included in this edition, including continuing education requirements, CE Broker, telepractice, and sale of hearing aids to consumers via the Internet. In addition, May was Better Hearing and Speech Month. This marked the first year that the month was officially recognized under law in the state of Ohio, thanks to Sen. Troy Balderson. If you would like to share how your organization recognized the occasion,

please submit them to board@slpau.ohio.gov. We may just include them in our next edition. For more information on how you can raise public awareness about hearing and speech disorders and the importance of early screening and detection, please visit these organizations on the World Wide Web: American Speech-Language Hearing Association, and the American Academy of Audiology, to name just a few.

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Message from the Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

Welcome to this edition of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology eNewsletter. This edition includes important information regarding recent amendments to the continuing education requirements. There is also

an update regarding CE Broker, the Board's new continuing education tracking system, and how you can report and track your continuing education hours in order to be exempt from a CE audit. May was Better Hearing and Speech Month. We hope you will take time to let us
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Message from the Board Chairperson

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strive to provide information that reflects the diversity of the groups that are interested in receiving news and updates on licensure matters related to speech-language pathology and audiology. We always encourage and invite your feedback. If there is a specific topic or question you would like us to address in a future edition, please feel free to let us know by e-mailing the Board at Board@slpauld.ohio.gov.

The Board is excited to be working with CE Broker during the upcoming biennium to streamline the management of its continuing education requirements. Please review the article in this edition for complete details about CE Broker.

Thank you,
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know how you or your organization raised public awareness about the importance of early screenings for inclusion in a future edition of our eNewsletter.

Our eNewsletter is your direct source for information related to licensure, whether it's proposed rules or information of interest to employers and consumers about the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us. We always invite you to provide feedback. If you recently contacted the Board for services or information, please take a moment to complete a brief customer satisfaction survey and let us know your opinion about that experience. The survey may be accessed at the bottom of our home page:

<http://slpauld.ohio.gov/>

If there is a topic or question you would like the Board to address in the eNewsletter, please let us know. If you have any questions or concerns, I personally invite you to contact me directly at:
gregg.thornton@slpauld.ohio.gov.

Thank you
 Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

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.

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Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Summary of New Changes to Continuing Education Requirements

In 2012 the Board initiated a review of its continuing education requirements to determine whether our requirements were consistent with national standards and best practices established by the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. After much research and discussion, the Board determined that its continuing education requirements needed to be updated in certain areas. Throughout 2012, the Board invited licensees, stakeholder groups, and interested parties to participate in public comment regarding the proposed changes. The complete continuing education rule may be accessed on the Board's website at: <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4753-4>. The following is a summary of the requirements that took effect on February 17, 2013:

Licensure Statistics	
As of May 31, 2013	
Audiologists:	940
Speech-Language Pathologists:	6288
Conditional Licenses:	314
Student Permits:	32
SLP Aides:	8
AUD Aides:	66
Inactive SLP:	163
Inactive AUD:	26
Total Licenses:	7837

- A licensee shall earn twenty continuing education hours within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. An individual licensed as both an audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall earn twenty continuing education hours for each license.
- One continuing education hour is equivalent to one clock hour of continuing education. Only actual hours of education activity shall be counted. Lunches, breaks and other interruptions of the education program shall not count toward the required hours.
- At least ten of the twenty hours shall be specific to the clinical practice in the licensee's area of license. Ten continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both, including practice management, supervision, ethics, and one hour of which may be proof of completion of a board approved training program on human trafficking.
- Continuing education hours may not be carried over from one renewal period to the next.
- A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for the first renewal following initial licensure. This provision does not apply to relicensure after expiration of license, restoration from inactive status, or reinstatement of a license previously suspended or revoked.
- The Board may grant an extension of time for licensees to obtain the required continuing education hours if the licensee presents evidence that the failure to obtain the required hours was due to personal illness, military service, or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control.
- The Board may reduce the continuing education requirements for an individual under extenuating circumstances.



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Summary of New Changes to Continuing Education Requirements (Continued, from p. 3)

- Expands acceptable continuing education programs to include:
 - Lectures, scheduled courses or workshops at local, regional, national, or international conferences concerning speech-language pathology or audiology, or both;
 - Presentations or other professional activities such as books, papers, publications, or audiovisual materials;
 - Independent study activities, including professional journals, audio or video tape programs, or internet programs approved as continuing education experience under OAC Chapter 4753-4, which includes a post-test to document successful completion, or other independent study activities approved by the board;
- No limit on the number of credit hours that may be earned through independent study activities listed above if proof of passing the post-test is obtained; A maximum of ten (10) hours of the required twenty (20) hours may be obtained from internet programs approved as a continuing education experience under OAC Chapter 4753-4 without a post-test. A maximum of twenty (20) hours may be obtained from internet programs for an individual licensed as both a speech-language pathologist and audiologist;
- Licensees who submit a renewal application after the expiration date may be subject to an audit of their continuing education;
- Board may audit up to ten percent of licensees to verify compliance with continuing education requirements;
- All board members shall be audited for the required continuing education hours;
- There is no ethics requirement for the 2013-2014 biennium; the Board will be proposing an amendment to OAC Chapter 4753-4 in 2014 that will require two hours in ethics every two years, beginning with the 2015-2016 practice biennium.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee Becomes Law

Amendment to SB21 allows speech-language pathologists to provide reading intervention services to students entering the third grade

On June 4, 2013, Governor John R. Kasich signed into law SB21, known as the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. A late provision was included in the bill that allows speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to provide reading intervention services to third grade students. This provision does not mandate that SLPs provide reading intervention services. SLPs who provide reading intervention services under the TGRG must have appropriate education, training, and experience. The Board will be communicating additional information and guidelines to licensed speech-language pathologists in the school setting regarding this recently passed law later this summer. The Board will be discussing this topic at its next board meetings on June 11 and August 6, 2013. Please submit any comments to board@slpau.ohio.gov.

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Board Utilizing CE Broker Tracking System to Improve Random CE Audit Selection Process

In early 2013, the Board's new electronic continuing education tracking system launched. The Board is partnering with CE Broker to track and monitor continuing education activities completed by licensees. In January the Board sent a letter to all licensees about the benefits of the new tracking system and how to sign-up for either a free basic account or paid professional account to report and track CE hours. The Board had the opportunity to demonstrate the new system at the Ohio Audiology Conference in February and the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Conference in March. A representative from CE Broker was on hand at the OSLHA event to address any questions licensees had about the system.

The following is a summary of the most frequent questions raised:

What is CE Broker?

CE Broker precisely spells out each licensee's requirements and tracks your progress as you complete continuing education hours.

How likely is my continuing education to be audited?

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology may audit up to 10% of licensees to verify compliance with continuing education requirements. If compliant in CE Broker, you will have already completed the electronic audit. As more licensees subscribe the CE Broker to report their hours, the more likelihood that licensees, who did not sign-up, will be randomly selected for an audit.

Which account should I sign-up for?

Licensees have the choice of selecting either a free basic account or a paid professional account for \$29 per year. You can access a side-by-side comparison of both account types by visiting: cebroker.com

How do I report hours to CE Broker?

Licensees post their CE hours directly with CE Broker using a series of drop-down menus. Supporting documentation, such as certificates of attendance, is uploaded or faxed.



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Board Utilizing CE Broker Tracking System to Improve Random CE Audit Selection Process (continued from previous page)

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) is working in partnership with CE Broker to transfer course credits (ASHA CEUs) to CE Broker on behalf of Ohio licensees who use the ASHA CE Registry. ASHA anticipates that it will begin transmitting ASHA CEUs to CE Broker in the second quarter of 2013. Rest assured that all ASHA CEUs earned by Ohio licensees on or after 01/01/2013 will be submitted to CE Broker.

Ohio licensees who would like ASHA to transmit his or her ASHA CEUs to CE Broker should:

1. Take courses offered for ASHA CEUs starting 1/01/2013.
2. Complete the ASHA CEU Participant form at the end of the course.
3. Pay the 2013 ASHA CE Registry fee.

Provide ASHA with your Ohio license.*

*ASHA will contact Ohio licensees when its systems are ready to begin accepting Ohio licenses.

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 to email them your Ohio license number. For Academy approved courses offered by a third party (CE Providers) there is a \$5/course fee.

Board Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, stated that CE Broker provides a win-win for everyone. Licensees have the ability to report and track their hours, and receive an exemption from audits once CE Broker reflects completion of at least twenty hours of their continuing education. CE Broker will provide the Board with resources and tools to maximize the effectiveness of its audits; thereby enabling the Board to focus its attention in appropriate areas related to CE compliance and enforcement.

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



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Board Recognizes AAG Melissa L. Wilburn



In early 2013, the Board recognized Senior Assistant Attorney General Melissa L. Wilburn for her outstanding legal representation since October 2008. Under state law, the Board is represented by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and is assigned an assistant attorney general. The assistant attorney general is responsible for handling all legal matters on behalf of the Board. Board Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, presented Ms. Wilburn with a plaque during the January board meeting. The Board will be represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson.

Amy Thorpe Wiley, Board Chairperson (left) and
AAG Melissa Wilburn



Audiology Board Member Tammy H.
Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA

Audiology Board Member Tammy Brown Recognized By OSLHA

Tammy was the recipient of the Fellows of the Association Award by the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSLHA) at their annual conference in Columbus on March 15, 2013. The OSLHA Fellow of the Association recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding professional service and/or scientific achievement. The individual must have practiced in the profession for a minimum of five years. Fellowship is given for a significant single contribution or for a series of contributions.

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA, is an Audiologist employed by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She has been in the profession for 20 years. Tammy was nominated by Sandra Grether and Bernard Henri for the Award of Fellow of the Association. Ms. Brown is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of audiology, demonstrated through her service at both the state and national level, including her leadership in OSLHA as Audiology Rep., Convention LC Co-Chair, and Regional Audiology Chair; as well as with the Southwest Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association, the Ohio Academy of Audiology, the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, and as a current Audiology Board Member of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. In addition, her nominators describe her as a "dedicated professional who is able to collaborate with others in clinical, professional and academic areas." Tammy Brown is a "highly qualified pediatric audiologist and professional who consistently exceeds expectations with all professional activities in which she is involved", and for this reason is deserving of the Award of Fellow of the Association. Congratulations Tammy!



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Important Information for Conditional Licensees and Supervisors of Conditional Licensees

An overview of the requirements for completing the Supervised Professional Experience Year

As colleges and universities hold their graduation ceremonies between the months of May through August, the Board receives an increase in applications for conditional license. The Board expects the number of individuals completing their supervised professional experience to exceed 300 for the fourth consecutive year. The months of May through August mark the heaviest volume of applications and inquiries the Board receives about the supervised professional experience. During this period, there is a heavy transition within the supervised professional experience year. As individuals are applying for their conditional license to begin their supervised professional experience (SPE) year, individuals are also submitting their final reports and logs in order to complete their SPE and receive their speech-language pathology license. This is an excellent time to highlight the requirements for completing the supervised professional experience year. While the Board has experienced a significant reduction in the number of violations for late plans, reports and logs, these incidents still occur. A failure to submit a Plan, Amended Plan, or the SPE Report and Contacts Log in a timely manner is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-3-07, which governs the supervised professional experience year. If a conditional licensee practices under a Plan that has not been submitted in a timely manner, it is considered unlicensed practice. Both the conditional licensee and SPE supervisor could be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

The following is a general overview of the SPE requirements. Board Chairperson Amy Thorpe Wiley stated that the purpose of the supervised professional experience is to provide the opportunity for successful transition in status from recent graduate to independent professional. The primary goals and objectives during the professional experience are to refine clinical skills and develop professional independence by applying the knowledge and skills gained in academic training.

The length of time to complete the SPE depends on the licensee's work status. A licensee working full-time (a minimum of 30 hours per week), can complete their SPE in 36 weeks. Part-time status requires 72 weeks. The following is a brief overview of other important requirements. Please refer to Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-3-07 for the complete list of requirements. You may also direct any questions regarding the supervised professional year to our e-mail address at: board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

- ◇ A Plan for Supervised Professional Experience must be submitted to the Board within 30 calendar days upon the start date of employment.
- ◇ A conditional license can be issued to someone while seeking employment; their license status will reflect: 'Active – Pending Receipt of SPE Plan.' This status means that the Board has not received and/or approved a conditional licensee's Plan for their supervised professional experience. 'Active – SPE Plan Under Review' means that the Board has received the SPE Plan.
- ◇ Any change in supervisor or employer requires an Amended Plan be submitted to the Board within 30 calendar days of the change.



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Important Information for Conditional Licensees and Supervisors of Conditional Licensees (continued from previous page)

An overview of the requirements for completing the Supervised Professional Experience Year

- ◇ A PRN position or other employment that runs currently with the primary employment for supervised professional experience requires a Plan and SLP supervisor within 30 days of the start date of the PRN position or other employment, even if it will not count towards completion of the supervised professional experience.
- ◇ A Supervised Professional Experience Report and Contacts Log is due within 30 calendar days upon completion of the supervised professional experience or upon a change in employment or SLP supervisor.

Conditional licensees, SPE supervisors, and employers may direct further questions about the supervised professional experience requirements to the board's e-mail address at: board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

CE Audits for the 2011-2012 Biennium Under Review

The Board mailed audit notification letters to selected licensees in early 2013, and is in the process of reviewing documentation. If you did not receive a letter, no further action is required. However, licensees are required to keep records of their continuing education for a period of four years after the date of renewal. If you received notification of the audit, you must submit appropriate documentation demonstrating completion of the continuing education hours required, pursuant to OAC 4753-4-01-(A). A minimum of 10 hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of your area of licensure, and 10 continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both. Acceptable documentation must show the name of the continuing education provider, date of attendance, subject, e.g., title and course description, number of clock hours, and your name. The best documentation is a copy of the official ASHA/AAA registry, college transcript, or a certificate of completion for a workshop, seminar, class or In-Service training.

Some key reminders if you received an audit letter:

- Verification of your continuing education shall reflect that continuing education hours were completed from 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2012. Any hours that exceed 20 may not be carried over into the next renewal period.
- Upon completion of the Board's review of your continuing education documentation, you will receive written notification regarding your compliance.

Please refer to continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 for more information.



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Board's Telepractice Rule Becomes Effective July 1

Telepractice is typically used to overcome barriers of access to services caused by distance, unavailability of specialists, and impaired mobility. The Board recently finalized rules addressing licensure requirements and guidelines for services delivered via telepractice. The Board collaborated with both state and national associations such as the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association, Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, state universities such as The Ohio State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, and Kent State University, along with nationally recognized experts in the area of telepractice, such as Dr. Susan Grogan-Johnson, CCC-SLP, to draft rules on telepractice.

The rules will become effective on July 1, 2013. The following is a summary of the rule:

Definitions, includes 'Telehealth,' which means the use of telecommunications and information technologies for the exchange of information from one site to another for the provision of audiology or speech-language pathology services to an individual from a provider through hardwire or internet connection;

Service Delivery Models, including Store-and-Forward Model, i.e., fax, e-mail; Clinician Interactive Model, i.e., real time interactions via encrypted audio and video transmission over telecommunication links, i.e. videoconferencing;

Guidelines for the Use of Telehealth, includes training, equipment, disclosures/consent, confidentiality, role of the facilitator, and licensure requirements;

Licensure Requirements: a provider of telehealth services who practices in the State shall be licensed by the Board; a provider of telehealth services who resides out of state and who provides services to Ohio residents shall be licensed by the Board.

The complete text of the telepractice rule may be viewed at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/lawsandrules.stm>



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Board Maintains Alert to Ohio Consumers With Hearing Loss

Rep. Rex Damschroder reintroduces hearing aid legislation under HB Bill 109

Online hearing tests and purchasing of hearing aids online without a prior in-person evaluation pose serious risks to consumers with hearing loss. In December 2011, the Board posted an important notice on its website alerting Ohio consumers about the importance of seeing an audiologist when concerns arise about hearing loss. This important Consumer Alert can be viewed at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/pdfs/Letter-Consumer.pdf>

Since early 2011, the Board has been part of Workgroup engaged in efforts to address this issue legislatively. In May 2012, Rep. Rex Damschroder introduced HB 545, which would prohibit the sale of hearing aids through the mail to the ultimate consumer without a prior in-person evaluation between the consumer and individuals permitted to recommend or fit a hearing aid. The bill did not make it through the legislative process before the General Assembly adjourned its session on December 31, 2012. Consequently, Rep. Damschroder reintroduced the legislation earlier this year under HB 109.

The Board will continue to monitor this issue closely and seek appropriate protection for consumers through both the legislative process and Ohio Attorney General's Office.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind licensees to report information or incidents in which consumers have been harmed by the sale of online hearing aids or online hearing tests to the Board. Complaints or information may be submitted via email at board@slpaud.ohio.gov or to our mailing address at:

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Board Receives Increased Number of Complaints Involving False, Misleading Advertisement Related to Audiology Services

The Board would also like to remind licensed audiologists of their duty to report alleged violations of unlicensed practice and false or misleading advertisement by unlicensed individuals. The Board has received an increase number of complaints involving false and misleading advertisement in which unlicensed individuals were offering audiologic services within the scope of practice of audiology. Individuals offering audiologic services, such as an "audiologic evaluation," "audiologic examination," "evaluation for Tinnitus," or "Audiologist on Staff," should have a licensed audiologist at the location where the services are offered. If you have information about unlicensed practice or false/misleading advertisement, you should immediately report this to the licensure board at the mailing address listed above or by e-mailing us at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. If you are uncertain about whether to report an alleged violation, you may contact the Board's Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton, Esq., directly at (614) 644-9046 or via e-mail at gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov for assistance with your information. All licensees have a duty to report alleged violations to the licensure board. It is required under board rule. By promptly reporting alleged violations of unlicensed practice, the Board can take appropriate action to protect consumers.



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Update on Recent Conferences



Winter 2013 OAA

The Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) announces:

The OAA held its bi-annual Ohio Audiology Conference (OAC) in Columbus at the Embassy Suites Airport from February 21-23, 2013. During the event, the Board gave a presentation covering the role of the licensure board, which included updates on audiology issues. Please visit OAA's website at this [link](#) for more information about the event.



Spring 2013 OSLHA Convention

The Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSLHA) held its annual convention in Columbus at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton from March 14-16, 2013. The theme for the convention was "Soaring to New Heights." During the event, the Board gave a presentation covering the role of the licensure board, including updates on speech-language pathology and audiology issues. The Board was a co-presenter on "Hot Topics in Ethics, 2.0," with OSLHA President Michelle Burnett, M.A., CCC-SLP, with the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center and OSLHA Ethics Chairperson, Barbara Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP.

Update on Recent Conferences

On April 12, 2013, the Board gave a half-day presentation to the Northwest Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (NWOSLHA) in Toledo. The topics included the role of licensure board, updates on laws/rules, discussion of issues impacting licensure, and resolving ethical dilemmas. Attendees received continuing education hours for this event. This was the first regional event the Board attended, and gave licensees who could not travel to Columbus an opportunity to receive licensure updates and continuing education hours.

OSSPEAC Fall Conference

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

The OSSPEAC will hold its annual conference in Columbus at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus from October 20-22, 2013. Please visit their website at: <http://www.osspeac.org/site.cfm/conference.cfm> for more conference and registration information.

The Board will have a presentation covering the role of the licensure board and include updates on issues impacting speech-language pathologists and audiologists who practice in the school setting. The presentation will also cover issues related to ethics. The date and time for this presentation will be announced in a future eNewsletter.

Special Note

The Board is regularly invited to present during various state association conferences and conventions. Board members and staff are often in attendance throughout the conference to answer any questions related to licensure issues. There are always opportunities during the Board's 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**

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OMNIE has announced that funding for its initiatives will completely discontinue after 2013. The Board will continue to work collaboratively with the other OMNIE Project sponsors and supporters to address any impact this may have in the future.



News Flash For OBSLPA Licensed SLPs Seeking ODE Licensure

OMNIE Highlights

The Ohio Master's Network Initiatives in Education-Speech Language Pathology (OMNIE Project) is the collaborative endeavor of dedicated individuals who have undertaken a leadership role in identifying issues necessary to ensure the education, recruitment, and retention of qualified speech-language pathologists in Ohio schools. The OMNIE Project is sponsored and supported by the [Ohio Department of Education](#) (ODE) and collaborates with the [Ohio Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology](#) (OBSLPA), the [Ohio Speech Language and Hearing Association](#) (OSLHA), the [Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition](#) (OSSPEAC).

OMNIE Announces Open Positions

The Ohio Department of Education's OMNIE program recently announced open positions for any speech-language pathologist or audiologist in school settings. If you are a licensee looking for employment, information for open positions can be found on the OMNIE website at:

http://www.omnie.org/Jobs/employment_opportunities.html

For more information about open positions, please contact OMNIE's Project Coordinator, Nada Allender, M.A., CCC-SLP at: nada@ameritech.net or 330-699-4019.

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

Please visit the OMNIE website at: <http://www.omnie.org/Whats%20New/ODElicensurenews.html> for more information and where to send your materials.



OBSLPA END OF SPRING/SUMMER QUARTER CALENDAR



June 3

Application Review and Approval

June 10

Rules Committee

June 11

Board Meeting and Professional Competency Committee Meeting

June 11

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

June 17

Application Review and Approval

June 24

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

July 1

Application Review and Approval

July 4

State Holiday - 4th of July - Board Office Closed

July 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

July 15

Application Review and Approval

July 25

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

August 1

Application Review and Approval

August 5

Rules Committee

August 6

Board Meeting and Professional Competency Committee Meeting

August 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

August 15

Application Review and Approval

August 27

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

September 2

State Holiday - Labor Day - Board Office Closed

September 3

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.



When is a Plan, Amended Plan, and Report/Log for Supervised Professional Experience (SPE) Due?

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-3-07 (E)(4)(b) a conditional licensee shall submit a new plan for SPE within 30 calendar days upon employment. Pursuant to section (E)(4)(c) a new plan shall be submitted for changes in employment **and** supervision within 30 calendar days of a change. Pursuant to section (E)(4)(d) an Amended Plan is due within 30 calendar days of a change in either the employment, supervisor, or end

date of the SPE. Pursuant to section (G)(1) the Report/Log is due within 30 calendar days of completion of the SPE or change in the SPE Plan.

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.slpaud.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.