



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

July 22nd, 2009

Applications are now available for SLP and AUD licensure on the DC Dept. of Health's website <http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/cwp/view,A,1195,Q,499425.asp>

Additional information on the board can be found at <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/hpla/section/2/release/16498>

The deadline for obtaining a license is **Dec. 31, 2009**.

At that time, all persons practicing speech-language pathology and audiology in DC must be licensed, unless they work only in the public school setting under DC teacher certification. Licensure law does not apply to DC school-based speech pathologists and audiologists working under DC teacher certification. If a SLP **works under contract with DCPS** or chooses to practice outside the DC public school setting (e.g. a private school or charter school), a license is required.

The supervised experience requirement is WAIVED for those who provide proof of employment in the practice of speech pathology or audiology for at least 10 of the past 15 years immediately preceding the effective date of the regulations, as long as you meet the other licensure requirements (exam, education).

However, this waiver ONLY applies to individuals who apply BEFORE Dec. 31, 2009. This provision is intended to help those applicants who may have done their supervised experience/CF many years ago and would have difficulty obtaining the paperwork. After Dec. 31, 2009 this provision expires.

For more information contact
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Join DCSHA and the licensure board for a discussion at Providence Hospital on September 14th, 2009. The meeting starts at 5:30pm. Members from the Licensure board will be available for questions. 2010 ASHA president, Dr. Tommie Robinson will also be attending. Register for the event by calling (202)269-7666 or email dtrent@provhosp.org. It is free for DCSHA members and students. The non-DCSHA member fee is \$25. This event is being offered for .2 CEUs. You can also become a DCSHA member at the door for \$45, which covers 2009 and 2010 dues. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.