

**Professional Certification Guidelines
Pennsylvania Preschool/School Speech-Language Pathologists**

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Professional Certification	PA State Licensure Maintenance (PA Act 71: SLP/A License)	PDE Act 48 – “SLPs with a Teacher’s Certificate”	ASHA CMHs (Certification Maintenance Hours) MANDATORY	ASHA CEUs (Continuing Education Units) OPTIONAL ¹
Mandatory or Optional?	Requirement for employment in most Early Intervention and Preschool settings; check with individual School Districts for K-12.	Mandatory for maintaining teacher certification for school employees K-12	Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) is optional, but once clinician is certified, CMHs are mandatory to retain Certification.	CEUs are optional for members holding the CCC. However, CEUs are the highest form of Con Ed, and most count toward PA Licensure Maintenance. ²
Board of Approval:	PA State Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology & Teachers of the Hearing Impaired (State)	Pa Department of Education (State)	American Speech Language Hearing Association (National)	American Speech Language Hearing Association (National)
Renewal Period:	Every two years; currently July 31, 2008 - July 31, 2010	Every 5 years	Every 3 years: called “Certification Maintenance Interval”	Every 3 years; “Award for Continuing Education (ACE)” given as earned.
Current Fee:	\$46 biennial renewal; (+ \$40 fee per request for approval of program or course w/o Pa. State or ASHA CEUs)	No fee	\$225/year Includes other benefits	\$25 optional fee/year to maintain and provide transcript; other fees may apply per course.
Maintenance and Tracking requirements:	20 hours of PA State- approved continuing education credits in each 2-year renewal period. ²	180 CE hours per renewal period from an approved Pa. Dept of Education provider, who uploads the hours to the PDE.	30 Certificate Maintenance Hours (CMHs) in 3-year interval; keep record of professional development and submit Compliance Form to ASHA.	70 contact hours (7.0 CEUs) within 3 years. Courses pre-approved by ASHA, complete ASHA Con Ed forms at all approved seminars.

¹ While ASHA CEUS are optional for CCC-holders, ASHA CMHs (Certification Maintenance Hours) are mandatory as of 2005. ASHA CEUs are just one way that you can meet the professional development requirement for Certification Maintenance. You may also use activities that are not registered for ASHA CEUs. CMHs may be obtained from a variety of professional sources. For more information, please see the ASHA website below.

² Course content must be related to SLP/AUD only. Audit review may disapprove courses attended if not within State guidelines.

- Each clinician is responsible for maintaining personal records of courses attended and being aware of requirements and approved courses.
- New Masters-level SLP graduates are not required to participate in ASHA Certification Maintenance courses until they receive their CCCs.

Guidelines are also provided on the following websites:

American Speech-Language Hearing Association:

Certification Maintenance: <http://www.asha.org/certification/maintFAQs.htm>

CEUs: <http://www.asha.org/ce/>

State of Pennsylvania:

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter45/chap45toc.html>, Subchapter G: Continuing Education, 45.501-45.505;

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_board_of_speech-language_and_hearing_examiners/12525/continuing_education/572110