

In Pennsylvania, Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists may work with SLPAs or Audiology Assistants. They are fully responsible under the Licensure Law to ensure that the following duties are enforced:

The Assistant Can.....	The Assistant Cannot....
Perform speech, language, hearing screenings	Perform formal diagnostics or assessments or make diagnostic statements
Maintain clinical records and perform clerical duties	Sign clinical documents
Make materials (including ear molds), set up treatment rooms, and program communication devices	Determine therapeutic programming such as clinical management strategies or procedures
Report changes in client behavior to the Licensee/Supervisor	Use a title, either verbally or in writing, other than Assistant
Assist in research projects	Posit a formal hypothesis or determine research design
Assist with inservice and public relations programs	Make referrals to other professionals or agencies, or determine eligibility
Provide assistance to the client as directed by the Licensee/Supervisor	Analyze or interpret data or make clinical decisions independently
Assist with progress monitoring , data collection and charting, organize progress notes held in client files	Independently compose or sign clinical reports
Test hearing aids to determine whether they meet published specifications	Make diagnostic statements or clinical decisions
	Perform activities requiring the formal education or training, skills and knowledge of a licensed audiologist, or speech-language pathologist

The Licensee/Supervisor (Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist) is further required to ensure that the Assistant is familiar with and follows the Standards of Practice and Ethics codified in the Pa. State Licensure Law.