**SLP Continuing Education Requirements**

Many special education administrators are asked to support their speech language pathologists obtain the continuing education hours required to renew both their state SLP license (issued by the Board of Healing Arts) and their Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech Language Hearing Association (CCC). The following information summarizes the continuing education requirements for these credentials.

**State SLP licensure renewal** will be changed in 2018 to require 30 clock hours of continuing education in a 3 year period which will align with the licensure renewal period of every 3 years (changed from every 2 years). Of these 30 clock hours, a minimum of 20 must be approved or sponsored by one of a long list of entities/organizations that includes:

* Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
* Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) – this includes MO-CASE and all other CEC divisions
* American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
* Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)
* Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA)

A full list of organizations who can provide these 20 hours can be found on page 5 of the [SLP rules](http://s1.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20c2150-4.pdf).

The other 10 hours can be provided by any entity as long as the content is appropriate to the profession and documented by a third party such as a school district or the association or organization providing the professional development hour(s).

Documentation for all 30 hours can be a certificate of attendance which contains the date, the title and presenter(s) and site for the professional development, the number of clock hours attended, the name of sponsoring entity/organization, and name of licensee; or a personal letter to the licensee which contains the same information and is signed by an official of the sponsoring entity/organization.

**ASHA CCC renewal** requires 30 clock hours of continuing education in a 3 year period which again corresponds to the renewal period for the CCC. (Please note that the CCC 3 year renewal period may not be the same as for licensure.) These 30 hours can be anything that supports the SLP in providing speech language services. There is no specific list of organizations that must sponsor a specific number of these clock hours. The documentation requirements are almost identical to those above for the state license, i.e. the clock hours must be documented by a third party which can be the school district or the entity/organization providing the professional development with information about the content, date, and clock hours attended.

In practical terms, this means that an SLP who attends the MO-CASE fall conference for 15 clock hours of attendance for two out of three years will have 30 hours of continuing education that will satisfy the requirements for state license renewal and for ASHA CCC renewal. Or attending the Collaborative Conference for 8 hours for three years along with 6 hours of local PD will satisfy the renewal requirements. If you have suggestions for ways that MO-CASE can better support SLPs with our PD or if you have questions, please contact diane.mocase@gmail.com.

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