



**OHIO BOARD OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY**



**BOARD UPDATE
OSLHA 2009**

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OUTLINE

- Board Members
- Board Finances
- Licensure Profile
- Law Change
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BOARD FINANCES

- Operating funds derived from application and licensing fees
- Legislature approves budget
- Operating budget \$453,000/year
- Highly likely Operating budget cut in 2009 Budget Bill (10-20%)
- Reduced renewal fee in 2006 from \$150 to \$100 in 2006
- Renewals and application fees cover operating budget at this time.

Current Licensure Numbers

	<u>2008-10</u>	<u>+/- 2006-08</u> <u>Did Not Renew</u>	<u>% +/-</u>	
SLP	5,544	-344	-6.2%	
SLP Aide	13	-2	-15.3%	
AUD	880	-72	-8.1%	
Cond. AUD	1	-1	-100% (Licensure Expired)	
AUD Aide	60	-28	-26%	

LICENSURE Trends 2005-2008

*End of Fiscal Year (June 30)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
SLP	5,197	5,501	5,457	5705
Cond.SLP	235	162	105	189
SLP Aide	13	12	17	17
AUD	846	885	873	909
Cond. AUD	29	10	1	0
AUD Aide	72	81	61	49

LICENSURE Trends 2008-2009

From end of Fiscal Year June 30, 2008 to January 31, 2009

	<u>6/30/08-1/31/09</u>
SLP	5549
Cond.SLP	237
SLP Aide	17
AUD	880
Cond. AUD	0 Not offered
AUD Aide	61



Rule Changes



Ohio Revised Code 4753

Rule Change Discussion

■ Telepractice

- The Board is looking into issues related to telepractice. A rule change may be required to effectively address the issue.

■ Inactive License Status

RC 4753 Amendments for Second Year SLP Graduate Students

- Graduate students enrolled in an accredited Ohio program in speech-language pathology.
- Completion of one year of the graduate program in speech-language pathology with specified coursework and student clinical experience.
- License is limited to two years, with option to renew once.

RC 4753 Amendments for Second Year SLP Graduate Students

- Applicants must have approval of University program director.
- Supervision by Ohio licensed SLP.
- The completed clinical experience will determine the scope of practice.
- Case loads are limited.
- Open to all Speech-Language Pathology disciplines.
- All placements to date in the schools.

4753 Rule Changes for Second Year SLP Graduate Students

- Specify coursework, credit hours, and clinical experience. ASHA standards considered.
- Specify Supervision requirements. §4753-10-03 ***"ASHA does not have a status equivalent to the Student Permit. It is important to follow the guidelines set forth by the Board in the Administrative Code (Rules)"***.

Student Permits

- Currently 33 Active Permit Holders

Other Options to Address Shortage

- Recruitment of previously licensed SLP's
- Multifaceted initiatives to increase SLP's
- SLP & Aud Aides are utilized.
 - Hospital, Industrial, Schools, Nursing Homes, Private Practice
- Short term – Long term solutions

4th YEAR Au.D. STUDENTS

- Conditional Audiology no longer exists.
- We see some audiology graduates returning to Ohio.
- Some training sites cannot support unlicensed audiology externs.
- Other states have also changed to the AuD requirement and have eliminated the conditional/provisional license for 4th year AuD students.

Rule – Continuing Education

- **4753-4-01 (A)** A licensee shall earn twenty continuing education hours (*CEU*) within the two-year period.
 - The Board is looking into issues related to telepractice. A rule change may be required to effectively address the issue.
- CEU's began **1/1/2009**.

Late Fee

■ **4753-5-01 (E) Late Renewal Fee**

- (E) The late fee for license renewal after December thirty-first (12/31) of the renewal year shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) + the \$100.00 licensure fee=\$250.00.

Executive Director Search

- NAME _____
- APPLICATION DATE _____
- NUMBER _____
- Minimum Academic Requirements
- Administrative Experience
- Knowledge of Allied Health Professional Boards/Organizations
- Communication Skills
- Knowledge of State Government
- Fiscal Management Skills (including budget development)
- Stable previous employment
- COMMENTS:

QUESTIONS

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