

Connecticut State Licensure:

Individuals who practice speech-language pathology in Connecticut must be licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH). Students are eligible for licensing when degree requirements have been met. Students must apply for a license before beginning employment. Please note: a teaching certificate is not a license. A license is necessary in order to practice at any employment location in Connecticut, including public and private schools.

If the licensure application is submitted before the degree is granted, written verification of completed clinical hours and course work must be sent from the Department directly to DPH. This verification should be requested in writing from the program director (see Procedures below).

Supervised Professional Experience (SPE):

After the individual's application has been approved by the DPH, an SPE plan must be submitted prior to beginning employment. The SPE constitutes a minimum of nine months full-time employment (30 hours per week minimum) or eighteen months part-time employment (15 hours per week minimum) under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist. The SPE may be completed concurrently with the ASHA Clinical Fellowship if the supervisor is also ASHA certified in the appropriate area and agrees to participate. Employment setting, cases and supervisor may be the same, however, application and plans must be submitted separately to each granting agency on appropriate forms.

Procedures:

1. **CT State Licensure** – Upon completion of clinical hours send them to the Program Director in an envelope. On the front of the envelope write:
 - Working in the spring, summer or fall (if this is the case)
 - Please send letter to State

Complete the [application for licensure for the state of CT](#). It is not necessary to have completed all of the requirements for the degree (i.e. some students may have an outstanding thesis), but all clinical hours and academic coursework must be completed, prior to submitting this application.

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2. Praxis II scores must be sent directly to the State from ETS (Code number R-7051).

3. An official transcript must be sent.
4. After the State Department of Health has received all of the above, the student will receive a letter and an [application for the SPE](#).
5. SPE is required by the state of CT (see Supervised Professional Experience above) . It is similar to the ASHA Clinical Fellowship experience, however requires a separate set of paperwork. SPE paperwork must be completed by the applicant and the SPE supervisor and sent to the state PRIOR to beginning employment, although the state will establish the beginning date up to six weeks retroactively. If the grace period is exceeded, the SPE will be extended and it will take longer to receive the state license. This differs from CF paperwork which does not need to be submitted until the end of the CF experience.
6. **States Other Than CT** – Students applying for licensing in states other than CT will need to follow the directions for those states. Send forms that need to be signed and sealed with the University seal to the Records Office directly, NOT TO THE CMD DEPARTMENT. Sending them to the Department will delay processing. Students who need a letter from the Department similar to the one above (see #1), follow those directions but include an envelope addressed to the appropriate office of the state in which the student will be employed.