

Speech Language Specialist CERTIFICATE of ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 3462)

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This endorsement authorizes the holder to provide service as a speech-language specialist in all public schools.

To qualify for the Certificate of Eligibility for a Speech Language Specialist certificate, you must present evidence of meeting all of the following requirements in either option:

Option 1

- Hold a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Be currently matriculated in a master's program in speech language pathology/communication disorders from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of 18 semester hour graduate credits in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Completion of a graduate clinical/practicum in Speech language pathology/communication disorders

OR

Option 2

- Hold a bachelor's degree in an area other than speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Be currently matriculated in a master's program in speech language pathology/communication disorders from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of 24 semester hour graduate credits in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Completion of a graduate clinical/practicum in speech language pathology/communication disorders

All study must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university.

Other

- 1) Effective July 2013, Emergency certification is no longer available for the Speech Language Specialist endorsement. There will be no renewal for previously issued emergency certificates. An alternate route to certification is available for eligible candidates. **Note:** Applications for the Speech Language Specialist CE can only be accepted in paper format. Please contact your County Office of Education for a paper application and additional information.
- 2) Individuals who hold a valid New Jersey speech correctionist endorsement and a master's degree in speech-language pathology shall be issued the speech-

language specialist endorsement upon submission of a completed application and required fee.

- 3) Individuals holding a valid New Jersey speech correctionist endorsement may serve in a position requiring speech-language specialist certification until August 31, 2015, by which date they shall have obtained the speech language specialist endorsement or completed a department approved retraining program.

Fee Information

- The current cost of the certificate is \$190.
- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/epay.htm>
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

Online Certificate Information

- All information about certificates is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found at www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/tcis/instructions.pdf.
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. Additionally, the move to electronic certificates will save costs associated with printing and mailing, as many of our neighboring states have discovered. **Therefore, as of May 15, 2015, paper certificates will no longer be issued.**

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.

Applicant Checklist:

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together **IN A SINGLE PACKET** to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number or Social Security number on all documents that you send to our office. For this particular certificate, you will need to send in the following:

- Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form. (Available here: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf>)
- Official transcripts noting degree conferral and all other relevant transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.
- Current Educational Services certificate. (If applicable, see above for details).
- Fee of \$190 paid online.