

APPLICATION FOR INITIAL LICENSURE IN AUDIOLOGY
INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: The most common reason for delay in the consideration of an application is error in completing the application accurately, providing the required information, and not following the instructions. Error can be avoided if you proceed in the application process carefully, thoroughly, and accurately. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.** If you have questions or need assistance, call the Board of Examiners at the above listed number.

1. Persons seeking initial licensure in audiology must complete all sections of the application and have the application signed by their Program Director. They must also provide the following:
 - a. **Official (not student copy) transcripts** verifying all coursework listed on the application form. The initial audiology license, which is a full, unrestricted, permanent license, cannot be issued without an official transcript conferring your doctoral degree. Course titles on the transcript which do not indicate the course content must be clarified by providing a copy of the university catalogue description of the courses (e.g. Seminar in Audiology, Advanced Audiology, etc.). Notations of clinical supervisors in Section III must include **FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND N.C. LICENSE NUMBER OR ASHA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** of all supervisors.
 - b. **Examination:** Applicants must contact ETS and request that their score be made available on-line to the N.C. Board of Examiners. The Board's reporting code is 7757. A passing score is required before the application can be reviewed. The passing score is 170.
 - c. Applicants must submit a verified clinical clock hour sheet, signed by the clinic or program director.
 - d. Applicants must submit the Audiology Quiz with their application.
2. **All applications must be accompanied by an application fee of \$30.00 and a license fee of \$60.00.** Send only checks or money orders made payable to the Board of Examiners for SLPA. New licenses and license renewal receipts will not be issued until the remitted checks have cleared the bank. The only exceptions will be those fees that are paid with money orders, certified checks or PayPal.

FEES:

APPLICATION FEE.....	\$30.00
INITIAL PERMANENT LICENSE FEE.....	\$60.00
ANNUAL RENEWAL LICENSE FEE.....	\$60.00
DELINQUENCY PENALTY FEE.....	\$25.00
SERVICE CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS.....	\$25.00

RETURNED CHECKS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$25.00 SERVICE CHARGE.

(APPLICATION FORM BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND
AUDIOLOGISTS

Application for Initial Permanent License in AUDIOLOGY

Each question must be answered. Please type or print clearly in ink.

SECTION I

NAME: Dr.

(First)

(Middle or Maiden)

(Last)

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

TELEPHONE: Home () _____ Business: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ Email Address: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please list other languages in which you are fluent: _____

PRAXIS EXAMINATION SCORE: _____ (Contact ETS to have score made available for download by N.C. Board reporting code 7757)

EDUCATION

College or University	Major	Degree	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you ever had a disciplinary inquiry or action taken against you? _____ If so, please attach an explanation.

I have read Article 22 - Licensure Act for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as outlined in Section .0300. Further, I certify that all information provided in this application is correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date

IT IS BOARD POLICY NOT TO GIVE VERBAL INFORMATION CONCERNING BOARD ACTIONS ON APPLICATIONS IN ADVANCE OF WRITTEN NOTICE.

SECTION II – ACADEMIC COURSEWORK

All coursework is to be listed in **semester hours**. For those who Received quarter hours instead of semester hours, use conversion chart on right.

CONVERSION CHART

1 quarter hour = 2/3 semester hour
2 quarter hours = 1 1/3 semester hours
3 quarter hours = 2 semester hours
4 quarter hours = 2 2/3 semester hours

A. BASIC COMMUNICATION PROCESSES

Courses providing **FUNDAMENTAL** information applicable to **NORMAL** development and use of speech, hearing, and language. A minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours is required and must include course work in each of the three areas noted below.

	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Check if Graduate Level Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
Anatomic & Physiologic Bases (min. = 3 s.h.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication Sciences (min. = 3 s.h.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Linguistic & Psycholinguistic Variables (min. = 3 s.h.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
(15 Semester Hour Minimum) _____

B. PROFESSIONAL COURSE WORK

If you are applying for a license in **AUDIOLOGY**, at least 30 of the minimum required total of 36 semester hours is required in the major areas of auditory pathology and habilitation/rehabilitation. This must include at least a minimum of six hours in auditory pathology and a minimum of six hours in habilitation/rehabilitation. A maximum of six academic semester credit hours associated with clinical practicum may be counted toward the 36-hour requirement. An abstract of the thesis must be submitted if credit is requested.

AUDIOLOGY COURSEWORK

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Check if Graduate Level Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
Auditory Pathology (min. = 6 s.h. for license in Audiology)				
Habilitation/ Rehabilitation (min. = 6 s.h. For license in Audiology)				
Clinical Practicum (maximum 6 s.h.)				

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
(36 Semester Hour Minimum) _____

C. RELATED AREAS

Courses providing information RELATED to the management of speech, language and hearing disorders. (i.e. Exceptional Children, Child Behavior Management, Advanced Psychology Courses)

College/University	Course Number	Course Title	Check if Graduate Level Course	Semester Hours

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS _____

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC COURSEWORK SEMESTER HOUR TOTALS

- A. Basic Communication Processes Semester Hour Total (page 3).....(minimum 15 s.h.)
- B. Professional Areas:
 Audiology Semester Hour Total (page 4).....(minimum 36 s.h.)
- C. Related Area Semester Hour Total (page 5).....
- OVERALL SEMESTER HOUR TOTAL (Total of A, B, and C above)(minimum 90 s.h.)**

SECTION III – ACADEMIC AUDIOLOGY CLINICAL PRACTICUM

Audiology applicants must have completed a minimum of 1,800 supervised patient hours before applying for an initial permanent license. Each applicant must submit a verified clinical clock hour sheet, signed by the clinic or program director in addition to completion of this application form. These hours MUST HAVE BEEN SUPERVISED BY A STATE LICENSED OR ASHA CERTIFIED AUDIOLOGISTS AND MUST HAVE BEEN OBTAINED WITHIN THE TRAINING PROGRAM AT AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OR IN ONE OF ITS COOPERATING PROGRAMS.

Evaluation:

Total Hours Pediatric Evaluation:
(Minimum 100 hours)

Total Hours Adult Evaluation:
(Minimum 100 hours)

Supervision of Evaluation Hours

Supervisor	N.C. License or ASHA Account#	Site	Adult or Child	# of Hours

Treatment:

Total Hours Amplification:
(Minimum 80 Hours)

Total Hours Aural Rehabilitation:
(Minimum 25 Hours)

Supervision of Treatment Hours

Supervisor	N.C. License or ASHA Account#	Site	Adult or Child	# of Hours

TOTAL OBERVATION HOURS: **TOTAL GRADUATE LEVEL:** **TOTAL HOURS:**
(Minimum 1,800 Hours)

[Type here]

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

This applicant's doctoral degree will be/was officially conferred by this institution on _____.
(Circle one) (Circle one)

This student has passed the comprehensive examination: Yes _____ No _____

As the Director of the program in which this applicant received the major portion of his/her professional training, I recommend that a license be granted if and when all requirements are met by the applicant.

Comment:

Signature of Program Director: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

**Mail the completed application to: N. C. Board of Examiners for SLP & AUD
PO Box 16885
Greensboro, NC 27416-0885**

Listed below are examples of acceptable courses for each area. This list is not to be interpreted as a complete list of all possible acceptable courses. These are the most common examples for each category and this page is intended to aid you in completing your application. Course titles may vary from university to university.

Note that you can divide the hours for courses one time. For example, if your course equals 3 semester hours, you may count 1.5 hours in one area and 1.5 hours in another area or 1 hour in one area and 2 hours in another area.

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Anatomic
Physiologic
Bases
(min. = 3 s.h.)

This area is for NORMAL development and use of speech, hearing, and language.

Anatomy of the Speech & Hearing Mechanism; Neuroanatomy; Acoustics

Communication
Sciences
(min. = 3 s.h.)

This area is for NORMAL development and use of speech, hearing, and language.

Speech Science; Hearing Science; Phonetics can be counted here or under Linguistics.

Linguistic &
Psycholinguistic
Variables
(min. = 3 s.h.)

This area is for NORMAL development and use of speech, hearing, and language.

Language development, Language Acquisition, Linguistics, Multicultural; Phonetics can be counted here or under Communication Sciences.

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Auditory
Pathology
(min. = 6 s.h.
for license in
Audiology)

**Audiology; Auditory & Vestibular Pathology; Pediatric Audiology; Tinnitus;
Electrophysiology; Medical Audiology**

Habilitation/
Rehabilitation
(min. = 6 s.h.
for license in
Audiology)

Hab/Rehab; Amplification; Hearing Loss Prevention; Aural Rehab; Cochlear Implants

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Related Areas

**Multicultural Communication; Exceptional Children; Child Behavior Management;
Advanced Psychology Courses; Research Design; Statistics; Clinical Methods; Professional
Issues**

North Carolina
Board of Examiners
for
Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Open Book Quiz

Article 22

Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Audiology

Name: _____

Date: _____

It is your professional responsibility to know the legal requirements governing the practice of your profession and be alert to changes in those requirements.

Article 22

The examination on Article 22 contains twelve multiple-choice questions. Read each of the following questions and circle the best answer.

1. Through Article 22, the State of North Carolina provides regulatory authority over persons offering audiology services to the public to:
 - A. Safeguard the public health, safety and welfare
 - B. Protect the public from being misled by incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons
 - C. Protect the public from unprofessional conduct
 - D. A,B,C

2. Students pursuing a graduate degree in audiology:
 - A. are not required to hold a license
 - B. must identify themselves as students
 - C. may not refer to themselves as an audiologist
 - D. A, B, and C

3. The North Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists:
 - A. Is comprised of two speech and language pathologists, two audiologists, two public members and one physician
 - B. Has eight voting members
 - C. Has members who may serve up to nine years (three consecutive appointments)
 - D. Must be comprised of retired licensees

4. The Board is empowered to :
 - A. Issue subpoenas
 - B. Suspend or revoke licenses
 - C. Conduct disciplinary hearings
 - D. All of the above

5. The following causes are grounds for suspension or revocation of license:
 - A. License secured by fraud or deceit practiced upon the Board
 - B. Fraud or deceit in connection with services rendered
 - C. Unethical conduct as defined in Article 22 or in a code of ethics adopted by the Board
 - D. A, B, and C

6. To be eligible for a permanent license, an applicant must:
 - A. Possess a doctoral degree in Audiology or qualifications deemed equivalent by the Board
 - B. Pass an examination established or approved by the Board
 - C. Have the Certificate of Clinical Competence in the area of practice
 - D. A and B

7. A licensee must:
 - A. Conspicuously post their license in their office or place of business at all times
 - B. Wear an identification badge or other form of identification displaying the name of the person and license held by the such person
 - C. Test the patient's hearing with properly calibrated equipment that meets current ANSI standards, except when performed for screening purposes.
 - D. A, B, and C

8. Principles of Ethics include:
 - A. Licensees shall report violation of the code of ethics of which they have knowledge or information
 - B. Licensees shall maintain adequate records (electronic records require back-up) of professional services rendered
 - C. Licensees must not misrepresent their training or competencies
 - D. A, B, and C

9. Unprofessional conduct includes:
 - A. Failing to maintain a record for each patient which must be retained for three years
 - B. Guaranteeing that satisfaction will result from the performance of professional services
 - C. Accepting and performing professional responsibilities that the licensee knows she/he is not competent to perform
 - D. A, B, and C

10. Each licensee must complete:
 - A. 30 hours of continuing education every 3 years
 - B. Annual renewal of license
 - C. Immediately inform the board in writing of change of address and/or change of place or places of practice/employment
 - D. Must report a violation of code of ethics in which they have knowledge of information
 - E. A, B, C and D

11. Hearing screening programs using objective or technology-based hearing screening techniques in place of traditional fixed-frequency, pure-tone audiometry must ensure:
 - A. The oversight and supervision of a licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language Pathologist
 - B. Individuals performing these tests are clearly identified as audiometric technicians
 - C. The oversight and supervision of a licensed audiologist or physician
 - D. A, B, C

12. Pursuant to Article 22, to practice audiology in the State of North Carolina, professionals must be licensed through:
 - A. American Board of Audiology (ABA)
 - B. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 - C. North Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech & Language Pathologists & Audiologists
 - D. A and C