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Alabama	X*					SLPA or Aud. Asst.		SLPA					10/1*
Alaska		X				SLPA		SLPA			2		15/2
Arizona	X					SLPA		SLPA			2	3	10/1
Arkansas		X				SLPA		SLPA	SLP Aide		2	3	SLPA 10/yr max
California		X				X*		SLPA		SLP, AUD, and Industrial AUD Aide*	3-6*		SLPA 12/2
Colorado	X*			X*						Hearing Aid Provider Apprentice			0
Connecticut					X*						3		0
DC		X				SLPA		SLPA/Aud Asst.		Aud Asst*			10/2
Delaware	X					SLPA		SLPA			*		*
Florida			X			SLPA			Aud Asst.		2	3	20/2
Georgia		X						Aud Asst.	SLP Aide		2	1	10/2*
Hawaii				X*									0
Idaho	X*							SLPA		Aud Support Personnel			10/1*
Illinois	X					SLPA		SLPA			2 (SLPAs)	1 (SLPAs)	10/2*
Indiana		X					SLP Assistant	SLP Associate	SLP Aide		2		0
Iowa					X*				SLP & Aud Asst. I & II		3		0
Kansas		X							SLP Asst. & Aud Asst.				0
Kentucky				X*							2		0
Louisiana	X*					SLPA*			SLP or Aud. Aide		3 (SLPAs)		10/1*
Maine	X*	X				SLPA		SLPA			2		0
Maryland	SLP & Aud Asst*					SLPA		SLPA	Aud Asst.		2	1	10/2
Massachusetts	X	X				SLPA or Aud. Asst	SLPA or Aud. Asst	SLPA or Aud. Asst.			3		0
Michigan					X								0
Minnesota	SLPA					SLPA		SLPA			2		20/2
Mississippi		X							SLP & Aud Aides		4		0
Missouri		X				SLPA or Aud. Asst			SLP & Aud. Aides		3*		0
Montana	SLPA & Aud Asst*	X				SLP Aide or Asst I	SLP Aide or Asst I			SLP Aide or Asst II & Aud. Aide or Asst*	3*		

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Nebraska		X			SL Technicians Endorsement only	SLPA, Aud. Asst, or Speech Language Technician		SLPA or Aud Asst			2*		10/1
Nevada	SLPA*									Hearing Aid Apprentice			
New Hampshire			X *					SLPA			2		0
New Jersey					X								0
New Mexico	X						Apprentice in SL				3		20/2
New York					X								0
North Carolina		X*	Audiometric Technicians only			SLPA		SLPA	Audiology Asst	Audiometric Technician	2*	1*	*
North Dakota	SLPA			X		SLPA		SLPA			2		10
Ohio	X								SLP Aides & Aud. Aides		2		*
Oklahoma	X*							SLPA	SLPA (until June 1, 2013) & Aud. Asst		2		20/2*
Oregon			SLPA							X*	2-4*		5/12*
Pennsylvania		SLPA or Aud. Asst.								30 hrs or equivalent	3		0
Rhode Island	X					SLPA		SLPA	Audiometric Aide		2/3*		*
South Carolina	X					SLPA					2	3	8/2
South Dakota	X*					SLPA		SLPA			3		0
Tennessee		SLPA				60 semester credit hours					3		20/2
Texas	X*					Speech-Language Pathology Assistant/Audiology Assistant			Aud Asst		2-4*		20/2
Utah									SLP Aide & Aud Aide*		3		0
Vermont					X								0
Virginia	SLPA*					SLPA		SLPA			3*		*
Washington			SLPA					X*					30/3
West Virginia		X				SLPA or Aud. Asst		SLPA or Aud Asst.*			2		5/1
Wisconsin					*						2-SLP, 5/10-Aud		0
Wyoming		SLP Aide	SLPA*			SLPA		SLPA	Audiometric Technician or SLP Aide		3		10

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TOTAL	21	18	6	4	8	27	4	26	16	7	39	8	29

* Exceptions

AL	d allowing services in schools and private practice but not hospital settings.
AR	(1) SLPAs registering with the licensing board have an option to meet the state board requirements by completing ASHA's C-SLPA.
AZ	(1) SLPA licensing requirements may be waived if the SLPA holds certification from a nationally recognized speech-language-hearing association that has been approved by the Department of Health Services. ASHA SLPA Certification is an option for practicing in AZ.
CA	(6) Bachelor's degree in SLP or communication disorders fulfills equivalency standard for assistants. Board may consider 9 months FT experience in lieu of field or bachelor's clinical experience. (10) Aides do not need formal academic or clinical training and must be directly supervised.
CO	(11) A supervisor may supervise three full-time equivalent SLPAs and not more than six support personnel at any time, including SLPAs and aides, effective July 1, 2024. (1) Colorado Department of Early Childhood, minimum standards for SLPAs include possessing the ASHA SLP Assistant's Certification. (4) See school trends chart for detailed requirements for schools.
CT	(5) Unlicensed, but audiology support personnel are addressed in the laws.
DC	(10) Two years of accredited college education with a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours or technical school certification program.
DE	(10) Regulations specifying supervision ratios for SLPAs not yet passed as of 7/25. (13) Regulations specifying continuing education for SLPAs not yet passed as of 7/25.
GA	(13) Continuing education for audiology aides only.
HI	(4) See school trends chart for detailed requirements for schools.
IA	(5) Unlicensed but in rules.
ID	(1) Requirements include: Pass an examination in speech-language pathology assistant offered by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (13) Continuing education hours do not apply to audiology support personnel.
IL	(13) Continuing education requirements differ for school-based paraprofessionals.
KY	(4) See school trends chart for detailed requirements for schools.
LA	(1) Offers a provisional license. Aides are not licensed. (13) Continuing education requirements apply only to assistants. Continuing education is recommended for aides.
MD	(1) SLPA licensing requirements are waived if you hold a valid ASHA registration as an SLPA.
ME	(1) SLPAs must be registered by an SLP in order to receive a license.
MO	(11) Not specified for Aides.
MT	(1) Provides an option to be licensed pending implementation of HB 210. (10) An SLP Assistant/Aide II does not hold an undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders. An audiology Assistant/Aide meets the Board established requirements. (11) Allows no more than three full-time equivalent aides or assistants to be supervised.
NC	(13) 20 units apply to slp aides and assistants I, ten hours apply to slp aides, or assistants II and III and audiology aides and industrial aides or assistants. (2) The licensing board accepts the ASHA Assistant Exam in lieu of NC. SLP-Assistant administered exam. They also still accept passing scores on the North Carolina SLP-Assistant exam for those who don't have the ASHA Assistant Certification. (11) & (12) Does not apply to audiometric technician. (13) As assigned by supervising SLP.
ND	(4) See school trends chart for detailed requirements for schools.
NE	(11) Not specified for Speech-language Technician.
NH	(3) Not required in schools.
NV	1) SLPAs will be licensed after January 1, 2026. Regulations will be promulgated with additional information.
OH	(13) Amount and frequency not specified.

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OK	(1) There is a reciprocity provision for SLPAs to obtain a state license if you are a currently certified ASHA C-SLPA. (13) Audiology assistants are exempt from continuing education requirements.												
OR	(10) Administrative rules specify course hours and contact hours of clinical interaction. A temporary, provisional certificate is available to those completing clinical fieldwork. (11) Supervision exemptions apply allowing up to four full-time. (13) The professional development hours have been reduced for SLPAs through 2/6/2022.												
RI	(11) No more than 2 SLPA and 3 Audiometric aides. (13) Requirements will be defined in regulations.												
SD	(1) For SLPAs only, you may be licensed if you have an unrestricted license from a state with substantially equivalent licensure standards, or a current Certification in Speech-Language Pathology Assisting from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (additional requirements must be met).												
TX	(2) For SLPA licensee applicants who have a bachelor's degree earned more than 10 years ago, proof must be submitted of current knowledge of the practice speech-language pathology. Proof may include: recently completing continuing education or other courses; holding a current license in another state; or holding a current ASHA certification. (11) Audiologists may not supervise more than two audiology assistants if they hold a high school diploma or equivalent.												
UT	(8) Aides are regulated but are not required to be licensed or registered.												
VA	(1) Regulations to be promulgated by July 1, 2026 that allows practice in all settings. (11) Actual numbers to be specified in regulations. (13) Requirements will be defined in regulations.												
WA	(8) Associates degree, or bachelor's degree, or board approved work experience.												
WI	(5) Not licensed, registered, or certified but in licensure law. (11) Industrial settings allow for the supervision of 10 full-time equivalent "individuals."												
WV	(8) SLPA or Audiology Assistant may have an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree.												
WY	(3) Completion of ASHA SLPA requirements is an option for meeting the requirements in WY.												