

Summary of SLP Assistant Requirements

Credential	Speech Language Pathology-Assistant Registration issued by Missouri Board of Healing Arts
Registration Process	Can register as SLP-A when educational qualifications are met. Must provide Board with supervising SLP statement when hired.
Scope/Use	Permanent service delivery option available for use as appropriate in any setting. Not based on inability to hire SLP.
Educational Requirements	Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from program ASHA approved to grant Master’s SLP degrees OR Bachelor’s Degree in other area with a total of 21 hours in five speech/language areas (anatomy /physiology, phonetics, development, disorders (acquired & developmental) & clinical methods); 25 hours of SLP observation; and 25 hours of SLP clinical assisting or practicum. (Hours can be provided /supervised by school-based SLPs with appropriate credential – Board license or DESE certificate.)
Supervisor Credential	Supervising SLP must be licensed by Board of Healing Arts. A temporary alternative supervisor may be designated.
Supervision Ratio	An SLP can supervise 3.0 SLP Assistants at one time.
Level of Supervision Required	Direct supervision (real-time observing and viewing of assistant & student) for initial student contact (may be done via video link). Thereafter 1 hour per week for each assistant <u>or</u> 1 of every 3 student sessions (mostly used for a part-time SLP-A).
Allowed Activities	Screening; implementing IEPs; documenting progress; and other activities such as early intervening services and language-literacy activities with non-disabled students.
Prohibited Activities	Conducting evaluations; determining eligibility; case selection; interpreting data; making referrals; writing, developing or modifying IEPs.
Continuing Education	No specific number of CEU hours required. The supervising SLP provides direction for appropriate CEU activities.
Individuals Served	Any individuals served by supervising SLP can be served by SLP-Assistant. There are no service restrictions based on student disability type or level of intervention needs.
Medicaid Billing	Currently only SLPs can bill Medicaid in Missouri under state policy. Missouri could expand to include assistant billing as it is allowed under federal rules.
Retirement System	SLP Assistant position would not require a teaching certificate and would participate in PEERS retirement system (not PSRS).
Tenure	SLP Assistants would not be eligible for teacher tenure.