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Announcement Regarding Speech-Language Pathology Aides

This letter serves as a reminder to both licensed Speech-Language Pathologists and Registered Speech-Language Pathology Aides that effective January 1, 2005, **“All speech-language pathology aides must meet the minimum qualifications for a speech-language pathology assistant adopted by the board no later than January 1, 2005.” (Ref: 32 M.R.S.A. §6004(2)).**

Chapter 4, Section 1(C) of the board’s rules further states: **“Any currently-registered Speech-Language Pathology Aide may continue to practice until January 1, 2005; thereafter, he or she must fulfill all requirements applicable to new applicants for registration as Speech Language Pathology Assistants.”**

Chapter 4, Section 2 of the board’s rules outlines the application requirements for registration as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. Those requirements include an associate’s degree in communication disorders (or a substantially equivalent degree), and completion of observation, adult, and pediatric practicum hours. The practicum hours can be obtained as part of a regionally-accredited training program, or while working as a registered speech-language pathology aide up through January 1, 2005.

For more information regarding the requirements for registration as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant, please contact either **Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk at (207) 624-8626**, or you may visit the board’s website and download the board’s statute and rules at:

<http://www.state.me.us/pfr/olr/categories/cat41.htm>



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