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Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE: 870-X-2-.05 Clinical Fellowship Year Registration or Fourth-Year Internship and Requirements
870-X-2-.06 Assistant Registration

INTENDED ACTION: To amend

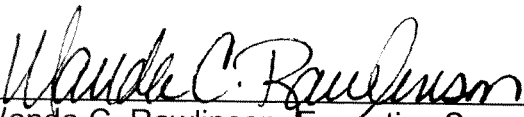
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to change CFY terminology and increase the Assistant renewal fee.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested parties may present their views in writing to Wanda Rawlinson, Executive Secretary or via email at abespa@mindspring.com at any time during the thirty-five (35) day period following the publication of the notice or by appearing at the public hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 400 South Union Street, 4th floor conference room.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: July 19, 2013

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Wanda C. Rawlinson, Executive Secretary

(b) A license certificate will identify the licensee as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

(c) License certificates shall bear the full name of the licensee, the date of Board approval, and a serial number. They shall be signed by the chair and executive secretary under the seal of the Board.

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870-X-2-.05 Clinical Fellowship ~~Year~~ Registration or Fourth-Year Internship and Requirements.

(1) Persons fulfilling the clinical experience (Clinical Fellowship ~~Year~~ or Fourth-Year Internship) are required to apply for registration ~~register~~ with the Board within thirty (30) days of beginning employment or an internship. The application process must be completed within sixty (60) days of receipt of application. If requirements listed below are not met within sixty (60) days the applicant will lose the application fee and must reapply. A license will not be granted until the applicant has successfully registered with the Board and the supervised clinical experience is complete. The following apply to both ~~CFY~~ CF and Fourth-Year Internship:

(a) Registration application.
(b) \$200 application fee.
(c) A notarized statement from the applicant's ~~CFY~~ CF or Fourth-Year Internship supervisor which must include:

- (i) Beginning date of ~~CFY~~ CF or Fourth-Year Internship.
- (ii) Expected completion date
- (iii) Number of hours to be worked each week.
- (iv) Place of employment.
- (v) Supervisor's name and Alabama license number (~~or~~
~~—certificate of clinical competence or its equivalent if clinical~~
~~—experience is within an exempt licensure site).~~

(d) ALL official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

(2) The applicant must notify the Board within ten (10) days of any changes in employer or supervisor.

(3) Following approval of the clinical fellowship ~~year~~ or Fourth-Year Internship registration, the Board shall issue a registration certificate. This certificate shall reveal the full name of the registrant, the beginning date of the clinical experience, the expected completion date, the number of hours worked per week, the number of weeks worked, supervisor's name, supervisor's license number (supervision to be provided in accordance with the accrediting Association or Academy guidelines), and shall bear a serial number. The certificate shall be signed by the chair of the Board or the executive secretary under the seal of the Board. The purpose of the registration certificate is to indicate to the general public legal compliance by the registrant with the Board rules and regulations for the period of time indicated on the certificate. The certificate shall contain the following statement: "This is to certify that (registrant's name) is engaged in the completion of his/her clinical experience and to further certify that (registrant's name) is under the supervision of (supervisor's name) a licensed (speech-language pathologist or audiologist) (license number)".

(4) Applicant has thirty (30) days to complete the application process to obtain a license in Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology following the supervised clinical experience.

(5) The clinical fellowship ~~year~~ must be completed within a maximum of 36 months. The following is a suggested work schedule that may be used to meet clinical fellowship ~~year~~ requirements:

- (a) Full-time Clinical Fellowship ~~Year~~:
30 hours or more per week for 9 months
- (b) Part-time Clinical Fellowship ~~Year~~:
25-29 hours per week for 12 months
20-24 hours per week for 15 months
15-19 hours per week for 18 months

Professional employment of any less than 15 hours per week will not fulfill any part of this requirement.

(6) For the Fourth-Year Internship, the acquisition of a total 1,820 hours (that include hours obtained prior to the commencement of the Fourth-Year Internship). Total number of clinical practicum hours may vary based on current academic requirements.

(7) Roles and Responsibilities of the Clinical Fellowship/4th Year Internship Supervisor.

(a) Provide meaningful mentoring and feedback to the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Internship to assist the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern in developing independent clinical skills.

(b) Conduct the required minimum supervisory obligations. Supervisory obligations are specified for each segment of the Clinical Fellowship (CF) or 4th Year Internship period. Each segment is one-third the length of the clinical fellowship/4th Year Internship; for the CF, a nine month fellowship would be broken into three segments, each three months in duration, a thirty-six month CF would be broken into three segment of twelve months each. For the 4th Year Internship, the length of the internship period and the consequent length of each one-third interval is determined by the academic institution under whose authority the intern is completing the internship.

(c) Supervisory obligations include 6 hours of direct supervision per segment and 6 indirect monitoring activities per segment. Indirect monitoring might include reviewing diagnostic report/treatment records/plans of treatment, monitoring the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern's work by consulting with colleagues or clients and their families. These requirements are not intended to supplant or supersede supervisory requirements of appropriate accrediting or certifying entities or academic programs.

(d) The main purpose of the clinical Fellowship/4th Year Internship is to improve the clinical effectiveness of the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern. The mentoring SLP or Audiologist must provide performance feedback to the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern throughout the CF/4th Year Internship. Feedback and goal-setting require two-way communication whereby both the CF/4th Year Intern mentoring SLP or Audiologist and the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern share important information about the Clinical Fellow's/4th Year Internship's performance of clinical activities. A specific time should be set aside for each performance feedback session at the end of each of the three segments of the Clinical Fellowship/4th Year Internship. This session should be used to identify performance strengths and weaknesses and through discussion and goal-setting, to assist the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern in developing necessary clinical skills for appropriate and effective clinical practice.

(e) If the CF/4th Year Internship supervisor anticipates at any time during the CF/4th Year Internship that the Clinical Fellow under supervision will fail to satisfactorily complete the CF/4th Year Internship, the supervising SLP or Audiologist must counsel the Clinical Fellow/4th Year Intern (both verbally and in writing) and maintain written records of all contact and conferences over the ensuing months.

(f) Submit a notarized statement indicating satisfactory completion of the CF/4th

submission of the academic transcript showing completion of the doctoral program is required to indicate completion of the 4th Year Internship.

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870-X-2-.06 Assistant Registration. Any person not eligible for a license under the provisions of this act who assists in the practice of speech-language pathology and/or audiology under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist, **must** have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, as stated in the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §34-28A-1, in communication disorders or related field in speech-language pathology and register with the Board. Before granting such registration, the Board will consider the academic training and clinical experience of the applicant, the specific duties and responsibilities that will be assigned to the applicant and the amount and nature of the supervision that will be given to the applicant. Registration to assist licensed speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist will be granted under the following conditions:

(a) Qualifications. Under the supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologists, Assistants may assist in providing services commensurate with their training and experience.

(b) Duties: Under supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist, Assistants may:

- conduct speech-language-hearing screenings
- implement documented treatment plans or protocols as prescribed by the supervising clinician
- document as prescribed by the supervision clinician patient/client progress
- assist during assessment
- assist with informal documentation, prepare charts, record graphs, or otherwise display data
- perform checks and maintenance of equipment
- participate in research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs

(c) Prohibited Duties: Assistants will not:

- evaluate speech, language, or hearing
- interpret measurements of speech, language, or hearing