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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board), pursuant to Chapter 119, of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption, amendment, and recession of rules.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts**, located at 77 South High Street, 31st Floor; Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will take place in the **“Board Room”** and continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard.

Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed action.

The following rules are being proposed as amended rules:

4753-3-04 – Educational Requirements for Licensure

Purpose of the amended rule: proposed change to one section to make educational requirements equivalent with the guidelines set forth by the American Speech Language Hearing Association – Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). Specifically, proposed change to section (A)(2)(c)(iii). Additionally, a proposed change to section G related to the university verification letter accepted to expedite licensure pending receipt of the applicant's transcript. Proposed change requires statement verifying that the applicant completed the student practicum requirements.

4753-3-05 – Student Clinical Experience Requirements

Purpose of the amended rule: proposed change to make requirements for the student clinical experience for speech-language pathology equivalent with the guidelines set forth by the American Speech Language Hearing Association – Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). Specifically, proposed change will require applicants to obtain four hundred hours of supervised clinical practicum, of which twenty-five clock hours shall be clinical observation prior to beginning initial clinical practicum and three hundred seventy-five clock hours shall be clinical practicum. Three hundred twenty-five of the four hundred clock hours shall be at the graduate level in the area in which licensure is sought.

4753-3-06 – Examination Requirements

Purpose of the amended rule: Removes reference to the specific passing score of 600 for the national exam administered by ETS due to re-generation of the Praxis exam by ETS. Proposed change will require passing of the national exam administered by ETS without citing the specific score.

4753-3-07 – Professional Experience Requirements

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed rule will clarify eligibility requirements to serve as a supervisor. Specifically, proposed change will require 24 months of full time clinical experience as a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Additionally, proposed change will clarify when an amended plan must be submitted to the board. Proposed change removes reference to the specific passing score of 600 for the national exam administered by ETS due to re-generation of the Praxis exam by ETS. Proposed change will require passing of the national exam administered by ETS without citing the specific score.

4753-3-09 – Reinstatement of License

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed changes to allow the board to consider additional requirements for applicants who have not practiced for more than five years to demonstrate their competency when applying for reinstatement of their license.

4753-3-10 – Exempt Practice; Renewal

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed changes to allow the board to consider additional requirements for applicants who have not practiced for more than five years to demonstrate their competency when applying for relicensure.

4753-6-01 – Screening

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed rules clarifies that pure tone air conduction screening is performed with earphones; clarifies that tympanometry screening is performed with screening tips.

4753-7-01 – Licensure of Aides

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed rule adds “Otoscopy” as a diagnostic test and duties that aides are prohibited from performing.

4753-10-03 – Supervision of Student Permit Holders

Purpose of the amended rule: Proposed change to require 24 months of full time clinical experience as a licensed speech-language pathologist in order to be eligible to serve as a supervisor of a student permit holder.

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at www.registerohio.state.oh.us. In addition, individuals may request a complete text of the proposed rules by contacting the Board office at the address and/or telephone number noted above. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at board@slpauld.ohio.gov.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of testimony.

Written comments received by the Board before the close of the hearing record will be considered. Written comments in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written comments brought to the public hearing;

Written comments via e-mail to board@slpauld.ohio.gov

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