

Speech-Language Pathology Temporary Certificate (SLTC) Approach

This certification approach is for individuals seeking a Temporary Speech-Language Pathology Certificate. ***This is not an application;*** this document provides general information and outlines requirements. The online application must be completed in conjunction with employing an Alabama county/city superintendent or administrator of an eligible nonpublic/private school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Speech-Language Pathology Temporary Certificate is valid from the date of issuance, through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and for the next scholastic year.
2. The Speech-Language Pathology Temporary Certificate is nonrenewable and cannot be reissued.
3. The Speech-Language Pathology Temporary Certificate authorizes an individual to serve only as a Speech-Language Pathologist in grades P-12 in an Alabama public or nonpublic/private school.
4. An individual may apply for the Class A Speech-Language Pathology Professional Educator Certificate once a valid Speech-Language Pathology License is issued by a state's speech-language pathology licensing board/agency (e.g., Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology). Requirements for this certificate may be found on the Application for the Speech-Language Pathology Professional Educator Certificate.
5. An individual must meet all Alabama certification requirements in effect on the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section. Certification requirements contained in this document are subject to change.

REQUIREMENTS

	A \$38.00 nonrefundable application fee. Each additional certificate for which an applicant is determined to be eligible will require a \$38 nonrefundable fee for issuance. A transaction fee will be applied.
	Verification of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States.
	Background clearance based on a fingerprint review.
	• For applicants seeking initial certification, additional certification, or certificate renewal to teach in Alabama, your criminal history background checks must have been completed by both the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (ASBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You can check the status of your background checks and confirm whether you meet the state's suitability requirements for teaching at Certificate Search. • For Applicants who have not been cleared by both agencies through the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), you will need to undergo fingerprinting for a criminal history background check. Details on how to complete the background review process can be found at Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification. If you have any questions about our criminal history background check process, you can contact us at (334) 694-4557 or bgr@alsde.edu. • Applicants may verify receipt of their criminal history results at the ALSDE by visiting Certificate Search. If your results are not located, or if you have questions about your status, please allow 10 business days from the date of fingerprint submission before making an inquiry.
	A recommendation from the employing county/city superintendent or nonpublic/private school administrator.
	Official transcripts of all degrees and credits earned must be submitted to the Educator Certification Section in a sealed envelope from the institution(s). Official transcripts may also be submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section through electronic transmission by only the transcript services listed below. The applicant's current full name and Social Security number or ALSDE ID must accompany the transcript(s). Required Degrees: Official transcript verifying a bachelor's degree earned from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was conferred; AND Official transcript verifying at least a master's degree earned from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was conferred.

Official transcripts may be submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section using one of the following options:

Option 1:

- Mailed to the Educator Certification Section in a sealed envelope from the institution.

Alabama State Department of Education
Educator Certification Section
5215 Gordon Persons Building
Post Office Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Option 2:

- Submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section through electronic transmission by National Student Clearinghouse. **Do not select the ETX option.**

Option 3:

- Submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section through electronic transmission **from the institution** as an electronic PDF to certtranscripts@alsde.edu.

Transcripts submitted from an individual or a personal/business email account will not be accepted.

Supplement TSS verifying completion of:

- At least a master's degree level speech-language pathology program that was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) at the time of program completion; OR
- At least a master's degree level speech-language pathology program that was in candidacy status of accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) at the time of program completion. AND
- The CAA-prescribed Praxis subject area assessment(s) with passing scores.

Supplement TSS will be completed by the college/university and returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope should be provided to the employer for submission to the Educator Certification Section as part of the complete application packet. When the sealed envelope is opened by the employer to verify its completion, the form must be initialed and dated by the LEA/nonpublic/private school representative.

Applicants are encouraged to read this document in its entirety to ensure requirements are met to apply. To apply through this approach, visit [Alabama Achieves - Teacher Certification](#) and follow provided instructions.