

Speech-Language Pathology Professional Educator Certificate Approach

This certification approach is for individuals who hold a valid license as a speech-language pathologist issued by a state board of examiners in speech pathology and audiology. The certificate authorizes the holder to serve **only** as a Speech-Language Pathologist in grades P-12 in an Alabama public school system or nonpublic/private school. ***This is not an application;*** this document provides general information and outlines requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

	A \$38.00 <i>nonrefundable</i> 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.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 you have questions about your status, please allow 10 business days from the date of fingerprint submission before making an inquiry.
	<p>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).</p> <p>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; <u>AND</u> 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.</p>
<p>Official transcripts may be submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section using one of the following options:</p> <p>Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mailed to the Educator Certification Section in a sealed envelope from the institution. <p style="text-align: center;">Alabama State Department of Education Educator Certification Section 5215 Gordon Persons Building Post Office Box 302101 Montgomery, AL 36130-2101</p> <p>Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section through electronic transmission by National Student Clearinghouse. <u>Do not select the ETX option.</u> <p>Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted securely to the Educator Certification Section through electronic transmission from the institution as an electronic PDF to certtranscripts@alsde.edu. <p>Transcripts submitted from an individual or a personal/business email account will not be accepted.</p>	

	Verification of a valid Speech-Language Pathology License issued by a state's speech-language pathology licensing board/agency (e.g., Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology) by submission of: A photocopy of the valid license; OR a photocopy of the renewal card verifying the valid license; OR a screenshot from the web site of the state's speech-language pathology licensing board/agency verifying the valid license.
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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](#) (click *Speech Language Pathology*) and follow provided instructions.