

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**June 19-20, 2014**

**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

38. Approval of request from the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association to require candidates for the 216 Speech/Language Therapist license to complete 100 hours of Practicum Experience

Background Information:

The Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) is proposing to add 100 hours of practicum experience to the bachelor's level speech-language pathology program. Students seeking the 216 Speech/Language Therapist license will complete 25 hours of observation and 75 hours of clinical. The chair of the speech/language pathology program will complete the Institutional Program Verification (IPV) form to confirm completion of program requirements.

The implementation date is Fall 2014. The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the request on May 13, 2014.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

216 Speech/Language Therapist Speech Associate

**FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE – SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST SPEECH ASSOCIATE  
(216)**

*This is a five-year license issued on the bachelor's level for Speech Pathology. The bachelor's level Speech/Language Therapist Speech Associate would be limited to the type of services that they could provide to students. A bachelor's level ~~Speech Teacher~~ Speech Associate could provide Articulation functional articulation therapy, articulation testing, write IEP's and provide speech therapy. They could not provide language therapy, language assessments, voice or fluency or their corresponding assessments and they could not chair any type of eligibility determination committee. The bachelor's level Speech/Language Therapist Speech Associate must be supervised by a master's level fully certified Speech/Language Clinician.*

License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Licensure application</li> <li>2. Complete an approved bachelor's degree program from an accredited institution in Speech Pathology, Communication Disorders or Speech and Hearing Sciences</li> <li>3. CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators)</li> <li>4. <u>Institutional Program Verification (IPV) form verifying completion of 100 hours of Practicum Experience to include 25 hours of observation and 75 hours of clinical</u></li> </ol>	5 years	<p>Ten (10) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></p> <p>Five (5) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Completion of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards process</p>