

1 Department of Health

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Speech-Language Pathologist  
4 and Audiologist Registration

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6 Rules as Adopted

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REGISTRATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

8

AND AUDIOLOGISTS

9 4750.0010 SCOPE.

10 Parts ~~4750.0020~~ 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 apply only to  
11 persons who are applicants for registration, who are registered,  
12 who use protected titles, or who represent that they are  
13 registered. Parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 do not apply to school  
14 personnel licensed by the Board of Teaching under part  
15 8700.5505, provided that school personnel practicing within the  
16 scope of their licensed occupation preface titles protected in  
17 part 4750.0030 with the words "school" or "educational."

18 4750.0020 DEFINITIONS.

19 Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purpose of parts 4750.0010 to  
20 4750.0700, the following terms have the meanings given to them.

21 Subp. 2. **Accredited educational institution.** "Accredited  
22 educational institution" means a university, college, or other  
23 postsecondary educational institution that offers  
24 speech-language pathology or audiology training and that is  
25 accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
26 or the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

27 Subp. 3. **Advisory council.** "Advisory council" means the  
28 Minnesota Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory  
29 Council established under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.13,  
30 subdivision 4.

31 Subp. 4. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means a person who  
32 applies to the commissioner for registration or registration  
33 renewal.

34 Subp. 5. **Approved continuing education sponsor.** "Approved  
35 continuing education sponsor" means an organization that offers

1 a learning experience designed to promote continuing competency  
2 in the procedures and techniques of the practice of  
3 speech-language pathology or audiology as defined in subparts 7  
4 and 17, and that meets the criteria in part 4750.0400, subpart  
5 3, or is a preapproved sponsor listed in part 4750.0400, subpart  
6 2.

7       **Subp. 6. Audiologist.** "Audiologist" means a natural  
8 person who engages in the practice of audiology as defined in  
9 subpart 7, meets the qualifications required by parts 4750.0010  
10 to 4750.0700, and registers as an audiologist with the  
11 commissioner. As used in parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700,  
12 audiologist also means a natural person using any descriptive  
13 word with the title audiologist.

14       **Subp. 7. The practice of audiology.** "The practice of  
15 audiology" means:

16           A. screening, identification, assessment and  
17 interpretation, diagnosis, rehabilitation, and prevention of  
18 hearing disorders;

19           B. conservation of the auditory system function;  
20 development and implementation of hearing conservation programs;

21           C. measurement, assessment, and interpretation of  
22 auditory and vestibular function;

23           D. selecting, fitting, and dispensing of assistive  
24 listening devices, alerting and amplification devices and  
25 systems for personal and public use, including hearing aids and  
26 devices, and providing training in their use;

27           E. aural habilitation and rehabilitation and related  
28 counseling for hearing impaired individuals and their families;

29           F. screening of speech, language, voice, or fluency  
30 for the purposes of audiologic evaluation or identification of  
31 possible communication disorders; or

32           G. teaching of, consultation or research about, or  
33 supervision of the functions in items A to F.

34       **Subp. 8. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the  
35 commissioner of the Department of Health or a designee.

36       **Subp. 9. Contact hour.** "Contact hour" means an

1 instructional session of 50 consecutive minutes, excluding  
2 coffee breaks, registration, meals ~~with-or~~ without a speaker,  
3 and social activities.

4 Subp. 10. **Continuing education.** "Continuing education" is  
5 a planned learning experience in speech-language pathology or  
6 audiology not including the basic educational program leading to  
7 a degree if the education is used by the registrant for credit  
8 to achieve a baccalaureate or master's degree in speech-language  
9 pathology or audiology.

10 Subp. 11. **Credential.** "Credential" means a license,  
11 permit, certification, registration, or other evidence of  
12 qualification or authorization to engage in the practice of  
13 speech-language pathology or audiology issued by any authority.

14 Subp. 12. **Individual.** "Individual" means a person over  
15 whom the commissioner has jurisdiction under parts 4750.0010 to  
16 4750.0700. Individual includes an applicant, registrant, or  
17 person who uses any title protected by part 4750.0030, whether  
18 or not authorized to do so by parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700.

19 Subp. 13. **Register or registered.** "Register" or  
20 "registered" means the act or status of a natural person who  
21 meets the requirements of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 and who  
22 is authorized by the commissioner to use the titles in part  
23 4750.0030.

24 Subp. 14. **Registrant.** "Registrant" means a person who  
25 meets the requirements of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 and is  
26 authorized by the commissioner to use the titles in part  
27 4750.0030.

28 Subp. 15. **Registration.** "Registration" is the system of  
29 regulation defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 214.001,  
30 subdivision 3, paragraph (c), and is the process specified in  
31 parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700.

32 Subp. 16. **Speech-language pathologist.** "Speech-language  
33 pathologist" means a person who practices speech-language  
34 pathology as defined in subpart 17, meets the qualifications in  
35 parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700, and registers with the  
36 commissioner. Speech-language pathologist also means a natural

1 person using, as an occupational title, a term identified in  
2 part 4750.0030.

3 Subp. 17. **The practice of speech-language pathology.** "The  
4 practice of speech-language pathology" means:

5 A. screening, identification, assessment and  
6 interpretation, diagnosis, habilitation, rehabilitation,  
7 treatment and prevention of disorders of speech, articulation,  
8 fluency, voice, and language;

9 B. screening, identification, assessment and  
10 interpretation, diagnosis, habilitation, and rehabilitation of  
11 disorders of oral-pharyngeal function and related disorders;

12 C. screening, identification, assessment and  
13 interpretation, diagnosis, habilitation, and rehabilitation of  
14 communication disorders associated with cognition;

15 D. assessing, selecting, and developing augmentative  
16 and alternative communication systems and providing training in  
17 their use;

18 E. aural habilitation and rehabilitation and related  
19 counseling for hearing impaired individuals and their families;

20 F. enhancing speech-language proficiency and  
21 communication effectiveness;

22 G. audiometric screening for the purposes of  
23 speech-language evaluation or for the identification of possible  
24 hearing disorders; or

25 H. teaching of, consultation or research about, or  
26 supervision of the functions in items A to G.

27 Subp. 18. **Supervisee.** "Supervisee" means an individual  
28 who, under the direction or evaluation of a supervisor, is:

29 A. engaging in the supervised practice of  
30 speech-language pathology or audiology;

31 B. performing a function of supervised clinical  
32 training as a student of speech-language pathology or audiology;  
33 or

34 C. performing a function of supervised postgraduate  
35 clinical experience in speech-language pathology or audiology.

36 Subp. 19. **Supervision.** "Supervision" means the direct or

1 indirect evaluation or direction of:

2 A. a practitioner of speech-language pathology or  
3 audiology;

4 B. a person performing a function of supervised  
5 clinical training as a student of speech-language pathology or  
6 audiology; or

7 C. a person performing a function of supervised  
8 postgraduate clinical experience in speech-language pathology or  
9 audiology.

10 Subp. 20. **Supervisor.** "Supervisor" means a person who has  
11 the authority to direct or evaluate a supervisee and who is:

12 A. a registered speech-language pathologist or  
13 audiologist; or

14 B. when the commissioner determines that supervision  
15 by a registered speech-language pathologist or audiologist as  
16 required in item A is unobtainable, and in other situations  
17 considered appropriate by the commissioner, a person practicing  
18 speech-language pathology or audiology who holds a current  
19 certificate of clinical competence from the American  
20 Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

21 4750.0030 PROTECTED TITLES AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE.

22 ~~Subpart 1. Protected titles.~~ A person shall not use a  
23 title relating to speech-language pathology or audiology, except  
24 as provided in items A ~~to D~~ and B.

25 A. Use of the following ~~titles~~ terms or initials  
26 which represent the following terms, alone or in combination  
27 with any word or words, by any person to form an occupational  
28 title is prohibited unless that person is registered under parts  
29 4750.0010 to 4750.0700:

- 30 (1) speech-language ~~pathologist~~;
- 31 (2) ~~speech~~ speech-language pathologist, S, SP, or  
32 SLP;
- 33 (3) speech pathologist;
- 34 (4) language pathologist; or
- 35 (5) audiologist, A, or AUD.

1           B. Use of the term "Minnesota registered" in  
2 conjunction with the titles protected under this part by any  
3 person is prohibited unless that person is registered under  
4 parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700.

5           ~~E. Use of the term "speech language" in conjunction  
6 with any word or words, or use of the terms "speech" or  
7 "language" in conjunction with the term "pathologist" and any  
8 other word or words by a person to form an occupational title is  
9 prohibited unless that person is registered under parts  
10 4750.0010 to 4750.0700.~~

11           ~~Subp. 2. Restrictions on use of protected titles.  
12 Notwithstanding subpart 1, items A to E, no person is prevented  
13 or restricted from using their official employment title if  
14 employed by the federal government; however, use of the official  
15 title under those circumstances, is allowed only in connection  
16 with performance of official duties for the federal government.~~

17 4750.0040 GENERAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS; PROCEDURES AND  
18 QUALIFICATIONS.

19           Subpart 1. General registration procedures. An applicant  
20 for registration must:

21           A. submit an application as required in part  
22 4750.0200, subpart 1; and

23           B. submit all fees required under part 4750.0500.

24           Subp. 2. General registration qualifications. An  
25 applicant for registration must possess the qualifications  
26 required in one of the following items:

27           A. A person who applies for registration before  
28 January 1, 1993, must meet the requirements in part 4750.0050.

29           B. A person who applies for registration on or after  
30 January 1, 1993, must meet the requirements in part 4750.0060.

31           C. A person who applies for registration and who has  
32 a current certificate of clinical competence issued by the  
33 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association must meet the  
34 requirements of part 4750.0070.

35           D. A person who applies for registration by

1 reciprocity must meet the requirements in part 4750.0080.

2 4750.0050 QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1993.

3 Subpart 1. **Applicability.** Except as provided under parts  
4 4750.0070, 4750.0080, and 4750.0100, an applicant who applies  
5 for registration before January 1, 1993, must meet the  
6 requirements in this part.

7 Subp. 2. **Master's degree or equivalent required.** An  
8 applicant must possess a master's degree or its equivalent, as  
9 approved by the commissioner, in speech-language pathology or  
10 audiology from an accredited educational institution offering  
11 speech-language pathology or audiology training.

12 A. Until January 1, 1993, an applicant may qualify as  
13 holding an equivalent to a master's degree if the applicant  
14 holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
15 educational institution and provides evidence of at least 42  
16 postbaccalaureate semester credits or 63 quarter credits or  
17 their equivalent in courses that are acceptable toward a  
18 graduate degree by the educational institution in which they are  
19 taken. Thirty semester credits or 45 quarter credits or their  
20 equivalent must be in the areas of speech-language pathology,  
21 audiology, or speech-language and hearing science. At least 21  
22 of the 42 semester credits or 31 of the 63 quarter credits or  
23 their equivalent must be obtained from a single educational  
24 institution. None of the applicable credits may have been  
25 completed earlier than ten years before the date of  
26 application. No more than six semester credits or nine quarter  
27 credits or their equivalent may be credit received for clinical  
28 training. An applicant seeking to obtain registration by  
29 establishing an equivalent to a master's degree must submit an  
30 application to the commissioner before January 1, 1993.

31 B. The master's degree training must meet the  
32 following criteria:

33 (1) A minimum of 90 quarter credits or 60  
34 semester credits or their equivalent must deal with normal  
35 aspects of human communication, development and disorders of

1 communication, and clinical techniques for evaluation and  
2 management of such disorders.

3 (2) Eighteen of the 90 quarter credits or 12 of  
4 the 60 semester credits or their equivalent must be obtained in  
5 courses that pertain to normal development and use of speech,  
6 language, and hearing. The applicant must show evidence of  
7 obtaining at least three quarter credits or two semester credits  
8 in each of the following areas:

9 (a) the anatomic/physiologic bases for  
10 normal development and use of speech, language, and hearing;

11 (b) physical bases and processes of the  
12 production and perception of speech, language, and hearing; and

13 (c) linguistic and psycholinguistic  
14 variables related to normal development and use of speech,  
15 language, and hearing.

16 (3) Forty-five of the 90 quarter credits or 30 of  
17 the 60 semester credits or their equivalent must be in courses  
18 that provide information relative to communication disorders and  
19 information about and training in evaluation and management of  
20 speech, language, and hearing disorders. A minimum of 45 of the  
21 90 quarter credits or 30 of the 60 semester credits or their  
22 equivalent must be at the graduate level. Thirty-one and  
23 one-half of the 45 quarter credits or 21 of the 30 semester  
24 credits or their equivalent taken at the graduate level must be  
25 within the 36 quarter credits or the 24 semester credits or  
26 their equivalent required in the area for which registration is  
27 sought as described in paragraphs (a) and (b).

28 (a) Applicants seeking registration as  
29 speech-language pathologists must complete 36 quarter credits or  
30 24 semester credits or their equivalent in courses pertaining to  
31 speech and language disorders and nine quarter credits or six  
32 semester credits or their equivalent in courses in the area of  
33 audiology.

34 i. The 36 quarter credits or 24  
35 semester credits or their equivalent in speech and language  
36 disorders must include at least nine quarter credits or six



1 semester credits or their equivalent in speech disorders and  
2 nine quarter credits or six semester credits or their equivalent  
3 in language disorders.

4 ii. The nine quarter credits or six  
5 semester credits or their equivalent in the area of audiology  
6 must include at least 4.5 quarter credits or three semester  
7 credits or their equivalent in auditory pathology and 4.5  
8 quarter credits or three semester credits or their equivalent in  
9 habilitation and rehabilitation.

10 iii. No more than nine quarter credits  
11 or six semester credits or their equivalent may be in courses  
12 that provide credit for clinical training obtained during  
13 academic training.

14 (b) Applicants seeking registration as  
15 audiologists must complete 36 quarter credits or 24 semester  
16 credits or their equivalent of coursework in audiology and nine  
17 quarter credits or six semester credits or their equivalent in  
18 the area of speech-language pathology.

19 i. The 36 quarter credits or 24  
20 semester credits or their equivalent in audiology must include  
21 at least nine quarter credits or six semester credits or their  
22 equivalent in auditory pathology and nine quarter credits or six  
23 semester credits or their equivalent in habilitation and  
24 rehabilitation.

25 ii. The nine quarter credits or six  
26 semester credits or their equivalent in speech-language  
27 pathology must include at least 4.5 quarter credits or three  
28 semester credits or their equivalent in speech disorders and at  
29 least 4.5 quarter credits or three semester credits or their  
30 equivalent in language disorders.

31 iii. No more than nine quarter credits  
32 or six semester credits or their equivalent may be in courses  
33 that provide credit for clinical training obtained during  
34 academic training.

35 (c) Applicants seeking registration as both  
36 a speech-language pathologist and an audiologist must complete a

1 minimum of 22.5 quarter credits or 15 semester credits or their  
2 equivalent at the graduate level in each area of speech-language  
3 pathology and audiology.

4 Subp. 3. **Supervised clinical training required.** An  
5 applicant must complete no fewer than 300 hours of supervised  
6 clinical training as a student in an accredited educational  
7 institution in speech-language pathology or audiology, according  
8 to items A to C.

9 A. Supervision in the student's clinical training  
10 must include evaluation and management of persons with disorders  
11 of hearing, language, and speech. At least half of the hours  
12 must be obtained during graduate study. All of the hours must  
13 be obtained within an accredited educational institution or in  
14 one of its cooperating programs. A minimum of 50 hours must be  
15 spent in at least two separate clinical settings. The first 25  
16 hours of the clinical training must be supervised by the  
17 educational institution's professional staff. A minimum of  
18 one-half of each evaluation session must be supervised. The  
19 applicant's clinical training must include work with  
20 individuals, groups, children, and adults.

21 B. An applicant for registration as a speech-language  
22 pathologist shall complete:

23 (1) a minimum of 200 hours in speech-language  
24 pathology as follows:

25 (a) 50 hours in evaluation of speech and  
26 language problems;

27 (b) 75 hours in treatment of language  
28 disorders;

29 (c) 25 hours in treatment of voice  
30 disorders;

31 (d) 25 hours in treatment of articulation;

32 and

33 (e) 25 hours in treatment of fluency

34 disorders; and

35 (2) a minimum of 35 hours in audiology as follows:

36 (a) 15 hours in assessment or treatment of

1 speech or language problems associated with hearing impairment.  
2 Additional hours may be counted toward minimum hours with  
3 language and speech disorders;

4 (b) 15 hours in assessment of auditory  
5 disorders; and

6 (c) five hours in audiology within the  
7 applicant's discretion.

8 C. An applicant for registration as an audiologist  
9 shall complete:

10 (1) a minimum of 200 hours in audiology as  
11 follows:

12 (a) 50 hours in identification and  
13 evaluation of hearing impairment;

14 (b) 50 hours in habilitation or  
15 rehabilitation of the hearing impaired; and

16 (c) 100 hours in audiology within the  
17 applicant's discretion; and

18 (2) a minimum of 35 hours in speech-language  
19 pathology in evaluation and treatment of speech and language  
20 problems not related to hearing impairment.

21 **Subp. 4. Supervised postgraduate clinical experience**  
22 **required.** An applicant must complete no less than nine months  
23 or its equivalent of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical  
24 experience according to this part.

25 A. Supervision in the postgraduate clinical  
26 experience includes both on-site observation and other  
27 monitoring activities. On-site observation must involve the  
28 supervisor, the supervisee, and the client receiving  
29 speech-language pathology or audiology services. On-site  
30 observation must include direct observation by the supervisor of  
31 treatment given by the supervisee. Other monitoring activities  
32 may be executed by correspondence and include, but are not  
33 limited to, conferences with the supervisee, evaluation of  
34 written reports, and evaluations by professional colleagues.  
35 Other monitoring activities do not include the client receiving  
36 speech-language pathology or audiology services but must involve

1 direct or indirect evaluative contact by the supervisor of the  
2 supervisee.

3 B. The applicant must, as part of the postgraduate  
4 clinical experience, be supervised by an individual who meets  
5 the definition of part 4750.0020, subpart 20.

6 (1) When registration as a speech-language  
7 pathologist is sought, the supervisor must be a registered  
8 speech-language pathologist or hold a current certificate of  
9 clinical competence in speech-language pathology from the  
10 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

11 (2) When registration as an audiologist is  
12 sought, the supervisor must be a registered audiologist or hold  
13 a current certificate of clinical competence in audiology from  
14 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

15 C. The applicant may not begin the postgraduate  
16 clinical experience until the applicant has completed the  
17 academic coursework and clinical training in subparts 2 and 3.

18 D. To be considered full time, at least 30 hours per  
19 week must be spent over a nine-month period in clinical work.  
20 Equivalent time periods may include part-time professional  
21 employment as follows:

- 22 (1) 12 months of at least 25 hours per week;  
23 (2) 15 months of at least 20 hours per week; or  
24 (3) 18 months of at least 15 hours per week.

25 E. The applicant's postgraduate clinical experience  
26 must include direct clinical experience with patients,  
27 consultations, report writing, record keeping, or other duties  
28 relevant to clinical work. A minimum of 80 percent of the  
29 clinical experience must be in direct contact with persons who  
30 have communication handicaps. If the applicant uses part-time  
31 employment to fulfill the postgraduate clinical experience  
32 requirement, all of the minimum required hours of the part-time  
33 work week requirement must be spent in direct professional  
34 experience.

35 F. The applicant must complete the postgraduate  
36 clinical experience within a maximum of 36 consecutive months

1 and must be supervised in no less than 36 activities, including  
2 18 one-hour on-site observations. A maximum of six hours can be  
3 accrued in one day. A minimum of six one-hour on-site  
4 observations must be accrued during each one-third of the  
5 experience.

6 G. The applicant must complete 18 other monitored  
7 activities and complete at least one monitored activity each  
8 month of the postgraduate clinical experience. Alternatives to  
9 on-site observation and monitoring activities include activities  
10 supervised by correspondence, evaluation of written reports, and  
11 evaluation by professional colleagues.

12 Subp. 5. **Qualifying examination score required.** An  
13 applicant must achieve a qualifying score on the National  
14 Examination in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology (NESPA),  
15 administered by NTE Programs, Educational Testing Service.

16 A. The commissioner shall determine the qualifying  
17 scores for both the speech-language pathology and audiology  
18 examinations based on guidelines provided by the advisory  
19 council or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

20 B. The applicant is responsible for:

21 (1) making arrangements to take the examination  
22 described in this item;

23 (2) bearing all expenses associated with taking  
24 the examination;

25 (3) having the examination scores sent directly  
26 to the commissioner from the educational testing service; and

27 (4) including a copy of the scores along with the  
28 original registration application.

29 C. The applicant must receive a qualifying score on  
30 the examination within three years after the applicant applies  
31 for registration under part 4750.0200. If the applicant does  
32 not receive a qualifying score on the examination within three  
33 years after the applicant applies for registration, the  
34 applicant may apply to the commissioner in writing for  
35 consideration to submit a new application for registration under  
36 part 4750.0200.

1 4750.0060 QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,  
2 1993.

3 Subpart 1. **Applicability.** Except as provided in parts  
4 4750.0070, 4750.0080, and 4750.0100, an applicant who applies  
5 for registration on or after January 1, 1993, must meet the  
6 requirements in this part.

7 Subp. 2. **Master's or doctoral degree required.** An  
8 applicant must possess a master's or doctoral degree that meets  
9 the requirements of this part.

10 A. If an applicant's registration application is  
11 postmarked on or after January 1, 1994, all of the applicant's  
12 graduate coursework and clinical practicum required in the  
13 professional area for which registration is sought must have  
14 been initiated and completed at an institution whose program was  
15 accredited by the educational standards board of the American  
16 Speech-Language-Hearing Association in the area for which  
17 registration is sought.

18 B. The master's degree training must include a  
19 minimum of 112.5 quarter credits or 75 semester credits or their  
20 equivalent of academic coursework that includes basic science  
21 coursework and professional coursework.

22 C. Applicants for registration in either  
23 speech-language pathology or audiology must complete 40.5  
24 quarter credits of the 112.5 quarter credits or 27 of the 75  
25 semester credits or their equivalent in basic science  
26 coursework, distributed as follows:

27 (1) nine quarter credits or six semester credits  
28 or their equivalent must be in biological or physical sciences  
29 and mathematics;

30 (2) nine quarter credits or six semester credits  
31 or their equivalent must be in behavioral or social sciences,  
32 including normal aspects of human behavior and communication;

33 (3) 22.5 quarter credits or 15 semester credits  
34 or their equivalent must be in basic human communication  
35 processes and must include coursework in each of the following

1 three areas of speech, language, and hearing:

2 (a) the anatomic and physiologic bases;

3 (b) the physical and psychophysical bases;

4 and

5 (c) the linguistic and psycholinguistic

6 aspects.

7 D. All applicants for registration must complete 54  
8 quarter credits of the 112.5 quarter credits or 36 semester  
9 credits of the 75 semester credits or their equivalent in  
10 professional coursework. The coursework must include the  
11 nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of speech,  
12 language, and hearing disorders. The coursework must encompass  
13 courses in speech, language, and hearing that concern disorders  
14 primarily affecting children as well as disorders primarily  
15 affecting adults. A minimum of 45 of the 54 quarter credits or  
16 30 of the 36 semester credits or their equivalent must be  
17 courses for which graduate credit was received. A minimum of  
18 31.5 of the 45 quarter credits or 21 of the 30 semester credits  
19 must be in the professional area for which registration is  
20 sought.

21 E. Applicants seeking registration as speech-language  
22 pathologists must complete the following professional coursework:

23 (1) 45 quarter credits of the 54 quarter credits  
24 of the professional coursework or 30 semester credits of the 36  
25 semester credits of the professional coursework or their  
26 equivalent must be in courses pertaining to speech-language  
27 pathology and nine quarter credits of the 54 quarter credits or  
28 six semester credits of the 36 semester credits or their  
29 equivalent in courses in the area of audiology.

30 (2) The 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits  
31 or their equivalent pertaining to speech-language pathology must  
32 include at least nine quarter credits or six semester credits or  
33 their equivalent in speech disorders and nine quarter credits or  
34 six semester credits or their equivalent in language disorders.  
35 The nine quarter credits or six semester credits or their  
36 equivalent in the area of audiology must include at least 4.5

1 quarter credits or three semester credits or their equivalent in  
2 hearing disorders and hearing evaluation and 4.5 quarter credits  
3 or three semester credits or their equivalent in habilitative  
4 and rehabilitative procedures.

5 F. Applicants seeking registration as an audiologist  
6 must complete professional coursework as follows:

7 (1) 45 quarter credits of the 54 quarter credits  
8 or 30 semester credits of the 36 semester credits or their  
9 equivalent of coursework must be in audiology. At least nine  
10 quarter credits of the 45 quarter credits or six semester  
11 credits of the 30 semester credits in audiology must be in  
12 hearing disorders and hearing evaluation and at least nine  
13 quarter credits or six semester credits or their equivalent must  
14 be in habilitative or rehabilitative procedures with individuals  
15 who have hearing impairment; and

16 (2) nine quarter credits of the 54 quarter  
17 credits or six semester credits of the 36 semester credits or  
18 their equivalent in the area of speech-language pathology. At  
19 least 4.5 quarter credits of the nine quarter credits or three  
20 semester credits of the six semester credits must be in speech  
21 disorders and at least 4.5 quarter credits of the nine quarter  
22 credits or three semester credits of the six semester credits  
23 must be in language disorders. This coursework in  
24 speech-language pathology must concern the nature, prevention,  
25 evaluation, and treatment of speech and language disorders not  
26 associated with hearing impairment.

27 G. Of the professional coursework required in items E  
28 and F, no more than nine quarter credits or six semester credits  
29 or their equivalent associated with clinical training may be  
30 counted toward the minimum of 54 quarter credits or 36 semester  
31 credits or their equivalent of professional coursework.  
32 However, those hours may not be used to satisfy the minimum of  
33 nine quarter credits or six semester credit hours in hearing  
34 disorders or evaluation, nine quarter credits or six semester  
35 credits in habilitative or rehabilitative procedures, or nine  
36 quarter credits or six semester credits in speech-language



1 pathology.

2 Subp. 3. **Supervised clinical training required.** An  
3 applicant must complete at least 375 hours of supervised  
4 clinical training as a student that meets the requirements of  
5 this part.

6 A. The supervised clinical training must be provided  
7 by the educational institution or by one of its cooperating  
8 programs.

9 B. The first 25 hours of the supervised clinical  
10 training must be spent in clinical observation. Those 25 hours  
11 must concern the evaluation and treatment of children and adults  
12 with disorders of speech, language, or hearing.

13 C. All applicants must complete at least 350 hours of  
14 supervised clinical training that concern the evaluation and  
15 treatment of children and adults with disorders of speech,  
16 language, and hearing. At least 250 of the 350 hours must be at  
17 the graduate level in the area in which registration is sought.  
18 At least 50 hours must be spent in each of three types of  
19 clinical settings including, but not limited to, university  
20 clinics, hospitals, private clinics, and schools, including  
21 secondary and elementary.

22 D. An applicant seeking registration as a  
23 speech-language pathologist must complete clinical training as  
24 required in this item.

25 (1) The applicant must obtain 250 of the 350  
26 supervised hours in speech-language pathology.

27 (2) The applicant must complete a minimum of 20  
28 hours of the 250 hours in each of the following eight categories:

29 (a) evaluation: speech disorders in  
30 children;

31 (b) evaluation: speech disorders in adults;

32 (c) evaluation: language disorders in  
33 children;

34 (d) evaluation: language disorders in  
35 adults;

36 (e) treatment: speech disorders in

1 children;

2 (f) treatment: speech disorders in adults;

3 (g) treatment: language disorders in

4 children; and

5 (h) treatment: language disorders in adults.

6 (3) The applicant must complete a minimum of 35  
7 hours in audiology including:

8 (a) 15 hours in the evaluation or screening  
9 of individuals with hearing disorders; and

10 (b) 15 hours in habilitation or  
11 rehabilitation of individuals with hearing impairment.

12 (4) The applicant must obtain no more than 20  
13 hours in the major professional area that are in related  
14 disorders.

15 E. An applicant seeking registration as an  
16 audiologist must complete clinical training as required in this  
17 item.

18 (1) The applicant must obtain 250 of the 350  
19 hours in audiology.

20 (2) The applicant must complete a minimum of 40  
21 hours in each of the following four categories:

22 (a) evaluation: hearing in children;

23 (b) evaluation: hearing in adults;

24 (c) selection and use: amplification and  
25 assistive devices for children; and

26 (d) selection and use: amplification and  
27 assistive devices for adults.

28 (3) The applicant must complete a minimum of 20  
29 hours in the category of the treatment of hearing disorders in  
30 children and adults.

31 (4) The applicant must complete a minimum of 35  
32 hours of the 350 hours in speech-language pathology unrelated to  
33 hearing impairment as follows:

34 (a) 15 hours in evaluation or screening; and

35 (b) 15 hours in treatment.

36 (5) The applicant must obtain no more than 20

1 hours in the major professional area that are in related  
2 disorders.

3 Subp. 4. **Supervised postgraduate clinical experience**  
4 **required.** An applicant must complete at least nine months or  
5 its equivalent of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical  
6 experience that meets the requirements in part 4750.0050,  
7 subpart 4.

8 Subp. 5. **Qualifying examination score required.** An  
9 applicant must achieve a qualifying score on the National  
10 Examination in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology (NESPA),  
11 administered by NTE Programs, Educational Testing Service, as  
12 required in part 4750.0050, subpart 5.

13 4750.0070 REGISTRATION BY EQUIVALENCY.

14 ~~The commissioner may register an applicant who shows~~ An  
15 applicant who applies for registration by equivalency must show  
16 evidence of possessing a current certificate of clinical  
17 competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing  
18 Association, ~~and who otherwise meets~~ must meet the requirements  
19 of part 4750.0040.

20 4750.0080 REGISTRATION BY RECIPROCITY.

21 Subpart 1. **Applicability.** An applicant ~~may be registered~~  
22 who applies for registration as a speech-language pathologist or  
23 audiologist by reciprocity, ~~according to~~ must meet the  
24 requirements of subparts 2 and 3.

25 Subp. 2. **Current credentials required.** When An applicant  
26 applying for registration by reciprocity must provide evidence  
27 to the commissioner determines that an the applicant holds a  
28 current and unrestricted credential for the practice of  
29 speech-language pathology or audiology in another jurisdiction  
30 that has requirements equivalent to or higher than those in  
31 effect for determining whether an applicant in this state is  
32 qualified to be registered as a speech-language pathologist or  
33 audiologist, ~~the commissioner may register the.~~ An applicant  
34 without the applicant meeting who provides sufficient evidence  
35 need not meet the requirements of part 4750.0050 or 4750.0060,

1 if provided that the applicant otherwise meets all other  
 2 requirements of ~~parts-4750-0010-to-4750-0700~~ part 4750.0040.

3 Subp. 3. **Verification of credentials required.** An  
 4 applicant for registration by reciprocity under subpart 2, must  
 5 have the appropriate government body in each jurisdiction in  
 6 which the applicant holds a credential submit letters of  
 7 verification to the commissioner. Each letter must state the  
 8 applicant's name, date of birth, credential number, date of  
 9 issuance, a statement regarding disciplinary actions, if any,  
 10 taken against the applicant, and the terms under which the  
 11 credential was issued.

12 4750.0090 REGISTRATION FOLLOWING LAPSE OF REGISTERED STATUS.

13 Subpart 1. **Lapse of three years or less.** For an applicant  
 14 whose registered status has lapsed for three years or less, the  
 15 applicant must:

16 A. apply for registration renewal according to part  
 17 4750.0300 and document compliance with the continuing education  
 18 requirements of part 4750.0400 since the applicant's  
 19 registration lapsed; or

20 B. fulfill the requirements of part 4750.0080.

21 Subp. 2. **Lapse of more than three years.** For an applicant  
 22 whose registered status has lapsed for more than three years,  
 23 the applicant must:

24 A. apply for registration renewal according to part  
 25 4750.0300 and fulfill the requirements for registration in part  
 26 4750.0050, subparts 4 and 5, or 4750.0060, subparts 4 and 5,  
 27 whichever is applicable. A qualifying score on the examination  
 28 described in part 4750.0050, subpart 5, or 4750.0060, subpart 5,  
 29 whichever is applicable, must be obtained within one year of the  
 30 application date for registration renewal; or

31 B. fulfill the requirements of part 4750.0080.

32 4750.0100 TEMPORARY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

33 Subpart 1. **Temporary registration requirements.** An  
 34 applicant for registration need not comply with the requirements  
 35 of part 4750.0050 or 4750.0060 for two years after the effective

1 date of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 if, at the time of  
 2 application, the applicant provides the commissioner with  
 3 evidence that the applicant has:

4           A. a master's degree or an equivalent to a master's  
 5 degree as described in part 4750.0050, subpart 2, in  
 6 speech-language pathology, audiology, communication disorders,  
 7 or their equivalent as determined by the commissioner; or

8           B. a current or expired certificate of clinical  
 9 competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing  
 10 Association; and

11           C. engaged in active practice of speech-language  
 12 pathology or audiology immediately preceding the effective dates  
 13 of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700. Active practice includes the  
 14 practice of speech-language pathology or audiology as defined in  
 15 part 4750.0020, subparts 7 and 17, for a minimum of 750 hours a  
 16 year for three of the last five years. Active practice may  
 17 include the required postgraduate clinical experience described  
 18 in part 4750.0050, subpart 4, or 4750.0060, subpart 4, or  
 19 experience equivalent to the postgraduate clinical experience  
 20 described. However, clinical experience gained as a student or  
 21 as described in part 4750.0050, subpart 3, or 4750.0060, subpart  
 22 3, shall not count toward active practice.

23           Subp. 2. **Permanent registration requirement.** After the  
 24 time for temporary registration has expired, an applicant for  
 25 initial registration must meet the requirements of part  
 26 4750.0050, 4750.0060, 4750.0070, or 4750.0080.

27           Subp. 3. **Notification of applicants.** The commissioner  
 28 shall notify applicants for registration of the effective date  
 29 of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 and the date on which  
 30 registration by meeting the requirements of part 4750.0050,  
 31 4750.0060, 4750.0070, or 4750.0080 is required.

32 4750.0200 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES.

33           Subpart 1. **Applications for registration.** An applicant  
 34 for registration must:

35           A. Submit a completed application for registration on

1 forms provided by the commissioner. The application must  
2 include the applicant's name, permit number under chapter 4692,  
3 if applicable, business address and phone number, or home  
4 address and phone number if the applicant practices  
5 speech-language pathology or audiology out of the home, and a  
6 description of the applicant's education, training, and  
7 experience, including previous work history for the five years  
8 immediately preceding the date of application. The commissioner  
9 may ask the applicant to provide additional information  
10 necessary to clarify information submitted in the application.

11 B. Submit a transcript showing the completion of a  
12 master's degree or its equivalent meeting the requirements of  
13 part 4750.0050, subpart 2, or 4750.0060, subpart 2.

14 C. Submit documentation of the required hours of  
15 supervised clinical training meeting the requirements of part  
16 4750.0050, subpart 3, or 4750.0060, subpart 3.

17 D. Submit documentation of the postgraduate clinical  
18 experience meeting the requirements of part 4750.0050, subpart  
19 4, or 4750.0060, subpart 4.

20 E. Submit documentation of receiving a qualifying  
21 score on an examination meeting the requirements of part  
22 4750.0050, subpart 5, or 4750.0060, subpart 5.

23 F. Sign a statement that the information in the  
24 application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's  
25 knowledge and belief.

26 G. Submit with the application all fees required by  
27 part 4750.0500.

28 H. Sign a waiver authorizing the commissioner to  
29 obtain access to the applicant's records in this or any other  
30 state in which the applicant has engaged in the practice of  
31 speech-language pathology or audiology.

32 **Subp. 2. Action on applications for registration.** The  
33 commissioner shall act on an application for registration  
34 according to items A to C.

35 A. The commissioner shall determine if the applicant  
36 meets the requirements for registration. The commissioner or

1 advisory council may investigate information provided by an  
2 applicant to determine whether the information is accurate and  
3 complete.

4 B. The commissioner shall notify an applicant of  
5 action taken on the application and of the grounds for denying  
6 registration if registration is denied.

7 C. An applicant denied registration may make a  
8 written request to the commissioner, within 30 days of the  
9 ~~commissioner's-determination~~ date of notification to the  
10 applicant, to appear before the advisory council and for the  
11 advisory council to review the commissioner's decision to deny  
12 the applicant's registration. After reviewing the denial, the  
13 advisory council shall make a recommendation to the commissioner  
14 as to whether the denial should be affirmed. An applicant is  
15 allowed no more than one request for a review of denial of  
16 registration in any one registration renewal period.

17 4750.0300 REGISTRATION RENEWAL.

18 Subpart 1. Renewal requirements. To renew registration,  
19 an applicant must:

20 A. annually complete a renewal application on a form  
21 provided by the commissioner and submit the annual renewal fee;

22 B. meet the continuing education requirements of part  
23 4750.0400 and submit evidence of attending continuing education  
24 courses, as required in part 4750.0400, subpart 6; and

25 C. submit additional information if requested by the  
26 commissioner to clarify information presented in the renewal  
27 application. The information must be submitted within 30 days  
28 after the commissioner's request.

29 Subp. 2. Late fee. An application submitted after the  
30 renewal deadline date must be accompanied by a late fee as  
31 provided in part 4750.0500, subpart 4.

32 Subp. 3. Registration renewal notice. Registration  
33 renewal is on an annual basis. At least 30 days before the  
34 registration renewal date in subpart 4, the commissioner shall  
35 send out a renewal notice to the registrant's last known

1 address. The notice shall include a renewal application and  
2 notice of fees required for renewal. If the registrant does not  
3 receive the renewal notice, the registrant is still required to  
4 meet the deadline for renewal to qualify for continuous  
5 registered status.

6 Subp. 4. **Renewal deadline.** The renewal application and  
7 fee must be postmarked on or before the date registration must  
8 be renewed according to items A to E. Registration must be  
9 renewed according to the following schedule:

10 A. for registrants whose last name begins with the  
11 letters A to E, February 1;

12 B. for registrants whose last name begins with the  
13 letters F to L, April 1;

14 C. for registrants whose last name begins with the  
15 letters M to P, June 1;

16 D. for registrants whose last name begins with the  
17 letters Q to U, August 1; and

18 E. for registrants whose last name begins with the  
19 letters V to Z, October 1.

20 4750.0400 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

21 Subpart 1. **Number of contact hours required.** An applicant  
22 for registration renewal must meet the requirements for  
23 continuing education according to this subpart.

24 A. ~~Except-as-provided-in-item-B7~~ An applicant for  
25 registration renewal as either a speech-language pathologist or  
26 an audiologist must provide evidence to the commissioner of a  
27 minimum of 30 contact hours of continuing education offered by  
28 an approved continuing education sponsor within the two years  
29 immediately preceding registration renewal. A minimum of 20  
30 contact hours of continuing education must be directly related  
31 to the registrant's area of registration. Ten contact hours of  
32 continuing education may be in areas generally related to the  
33 registrant's area of registration.

34 B. ~~if~~ An applicant for registration renewal ~~is~~  
35 ~~registered~~ as a both a speech-language pathologist and as an



1 audiologist, ~~the applicant~~ must attest to and document  
 2 completion of a minimum of 36 contact hours of continuing  
 3 education offered by an approved continuing education sponsor  
 4 within the two years immediately preceding registration  
 5 renewal. A minimum of 15 contact hours must be received in the  
 6 area of speech-language pathology and a minimum of 15 contact  
 7 hours must be received in the area of audiology. Six contact  
 8 hours of continuing education may be in areas generally related  
 9 to the registrant's areas of registration.

10 C. If the registrant is licensed by the Board of  
 11 Teaching:

12 (1) activities that are approved in the  
 13 categories of part 8700.1000, subpart 3, items A and B, and that  
 14 relate to speech-language pathology, shall be considered:

15 (a) offered by an approved sponsor of  
 16 continuing education; and

17 (b) directly related to speech-language  
 18 pathology;

19 (2) activities that are approved in the  
 20 categories of part 8700.1000, subpart 3, shall be considered:

21 (a) offered by an approved sponsor of  
 22 continuing education; and

23 (b) generally related to speech-language  
 24 pathology; and

25 (3) one clock hour as defined in part 8700.1000,  
 26 subpart 1, is equivalent to 1.2 contact hours of continuing  
 27 education.

28 D. Contact hours cannot be accumulated in advance and  
 29 transferred to a future continuing education period.

30 Subp. 2. **Preapproved continuing education sponsors.** The  
 31 commissioner will accept continuing education approved or  
 32 sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota  
 33 Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American  
 34 Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Academy of  
 35 Audiology, the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiologists, the  
 36 Acoustical Society of America, Twin Cities Clinical

1 Speech-Language Pathologists, Minnesota Foundation for  
2 Acoustical Education and Research, or universities accredited by  
3 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

4 Subp. 3. Approval of continuing education sponsors.  
5 Continuing education sponsors, unless preapproved under subpart  
6 2, must be approved by the commissioner according to items A to  
7 D.

8 A. Applications for approval must be submitted to the  
9 commissioner at least 60 days before the date of the first  
10 continuing education activity. Applications must be made in  
11 writing by the person or officer of the organization sponsoring  
12 the program. On receiving the commissioner's approval,  
13 continuing education activities of the sponsor related to  
14 speech-language pathology or audiology are approved for two  
15 years following the date of the commissioner's approval. To  
16 obtain approval, continuing education sponsors must submit the  
17 information described in subitems (1) to (5) on an application  
18 provided by the commissioner:

19 (1) The continuing education sponsor must  
20 describe the content of courses to be offered. The course  
21 content must contribute directly to the professional competency  
22 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist, must be  
23 beyond the basic educational program leading to a degree in  
24 speech-language pathology or audiology, and must include subject  
25 matter related to current developments in speech-language  
26 pathology and audiology.

27 (2) The continuing education sponsor must  
28 describe the method of instruction for each course offered. The  
29 continuing education sponsor must describe for each course  
30 offered the teaching methods to be used, such as lecture,  
31 seminar, audiovisual, or simulation.

32 (3) The continuing education sponsor must outline  
33 specific written objectives that describe expected outcomes for  
34 the participants.

35 (4) The continuing education sponsor must state  
36 the number of contact hours of continuing education which may be

1 obtained by completing a specified course, which must be a  
2 minimum of one hour.

3 (5) The continuing education sponsor must provide  
4 a resume of each instructor's qualifications with the  
5 application for approval by the commissioner. Instructors must  
6 be qualified to teach the specified course content based on  
7 their prior education, training, or experience.

8 B. The continuing education sponsor must report to  
9 the commissioner, on a timely basis, any change in the course  
10 content or instructor.

11 C. Continuing education sponsors must maintain, for a  
12 minimum of three years, a record of attendance for each course  
13 offered.

14 ~~The commissioner may withdraw the~~ To maintain  
15 ~~approval of any as a~~ continuing education sponsor ~~for failure, a~~  
16 continuing education sponsor must continue to comply with this  
17 part.

18 Subp. 4. **Earning continuing education contact hours**  
19 **through contact hour equivalents.** A registrant who teaches  
20 continuing education courses may obtain contact hour equivalents  
21 according to items A to C.

22 A. The sponsor of the course must be approved by the  
23 commissioner.

24 B. A registrant may not obtain more than six contact  
25 hours in any two-year continuing education period by teaching  
26 continuing education courses.

27 C. A registrant may obtain two contact hours for each  
28 hour spent teaching a course if the course is sponsored by an  
29 approved continuing education sponsor. Contact hours may be  
30 claimed only once for teaching the same course in any two-year  
31 continuing education period.

32 Subp. 5. **Continuing education activities offered by a**  
33 **sponsor not approved by the commissioner.** A registrant may seek  
34 approval of a continuing education activity offered by a sponsor  
35 who is not approved by the commissioner. The registrant must  
36 seek approval according to items A and B.

1           A. The registrant's request for approval must be made  
2 in writing to the commissioner, on forms available from the  
3 commissioner. A request for approval before the continuing  
4 education activity is attended must be made a minimum of 45 days  
5 before the first day of the continuing education activity. A  
6 request for approval after the continuing education activity is  
7 attended must be made within ~~30~~ 45 days of the last day of the  
8 continuing education activity and must include verification of  
9 attendance. A registrant not complying with this subpart will  
10 not receive approval for the continuing education activity.

11           B. A registrant denied approval of a continuing  
12 education activity may make a written request to the  
13 commissioner, within 30 days of the commissioner's decision,  
14 that the advisory council review the commissioner's decision to  
15 deny the registrant's request for approval of continuing  
16 education. After reviewing a denial, the advisory council shall  
17 submit its recommendation to the commissioner.

18           Subp. 6. **Evidence of attendance.** A registrant must  
19 maintain records of attending the continuing education contact  
20 hours required for registration renewal. An applicant for  
21 registration renewal must submit the following information on a  
22 form provided by the commissioner: the sponsoring organization,  
23 the dates of the course, the course name, the number of contact  
24 hours completed, and the name and signature of the registrant.  
25 The form must be submitted with the renewal application under  
26 part 4750.0300, subpart 1.

27           Subp. 7. **Verification of continuing education reports.**  
28 The commissioner may request a registrant or continuing  
29 education sponsor to verify the continuing education to which  
30 the registrant attested. Documentation may come directly from  
31 the registrant, the continuing education sponsor, or from a  
32 national accrediting or certifying organization which maintains  
33 the records.

34           Subp. 8. Waiver of continuing education requirements. The  
35 commissioner may grant a waiver of the requirements of this part  
36 in cases where the requirements would impose an undue burden on

1 the registrant. A registrant must request in writing a waiver  
2 of the requirements of this part. The request for a waiver must  
3 cite part 4750.0400, the reasons for requesting the waiver, the  
4 period of time the registrant wishes to have the continuing  
5 education requirement waived, and the alternative measures that  
6 will be taken if a waiver is granted. The commissioner shall  
7 set forth, in writing, the reasons for granting or denying the  
8 waiver. Waivers granted by the commissioner shall specify in  
9 writing the time limitation and required alternative measures to  
10 be taken by the registrant.

11 4750.0500 FEES.

12 Subpart 1. **First time registrants and applicants for**  
13 **registration renewal.** The commissioner shall prorate the  
14 registration fee for first time registrants and applicants for  
15 registration renewal according to the number of months that have  
16 elapsed between the date registration is issued and the date  
17 registration must be renewed under part 4750.0300, subpart 4.

18 Subp. 2. **Annual registration fee.** The fee for initial  
19 registration and annual registration renewal is \$80.

20 Subp. 3. **Annual registration fee for dual registration as**  
21 **a speech-language pathologist and audiologist.** The fee for  
22 initial registration and annual registration renewal is \$80.

23 Subp. 4. **Penalty fee for late renewals.** The penalty fee  
24 for late submission of a renewal application is \$15.

25 Subp. 5. **Surcharge.** In addition to the other applicable  
26 fees, an applicant must pay a surcharge fee of \$21. The  
27 surcharge fee applies to all registrants during the first five  
28 years following the effective date of parts 4750.0010 to  
29 4750.0700.

30 Subp. 6. **Nonrefundable fees.** All fees are nonrefundable.

31 4750.0600 INVESTIGATION PROCESS AND GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY  
32 ACTION.

33 Subpart 1. **Investigations of complaints.** The commissioner  
34 or advisory council may initiate an investigation upon receiving  
35 a complaint or other oral or written communication that alleges

1 or implies that an individual has violated parts 4750.0010 to  
 2 4750.0700. The investigation may proceed on an oral complaint  
 3 but disciplinary action may proceed only on a signed complaint.  
 4 According to Minnesota Statutes, section 214.13, subdivision 6,  
 5 in the receipt, investigation, and hearing of a complaint that  
 6 alleges or implies an individual has violated parts 4750.0010 to  
 7 4750.0700, the commissioner shall follow the procedures in  
 8 Minnesota Statutes, section 214.10.

9 Subp. 2. **Rights of applicants and registrants.** The rights  
 10 of an applicant denied registration are stated in part  
 11 4750.0200, subpart 2, item C. A registrant shall not be  
 12 subjected to disciplinary action under this part without first  
 13 having an opportunity for a contested case hearing under  
 14 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

15 Subp. 3. **Grounds for disciplinary action by commissioner.**  
 16 The commissioner may take any of the disciplinary actions listed  
 17 in subpart 4 on proof that the individual has:

18 A. intentionally submitted false or misleading  
 19 information to the commissioner or the advisory council;

20 B. failed, within 30 days, to provide information in  
 21 response to a written request by the commissioner or advisory  
 22 council;

23 C. performed services of a speech-language  
 24 pathologist or audiologist in an incompetent or negligent  
 25 manner;

26 D. violated parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700;

27 E. failed to perform services with reasonable  
 28 judgment, skill, or safety due to the use of alcohol or drugs,  
 29 or other physical or mental impairment;

30 F. ~~been convicted within the last five years of~~  
 31 ~~violating any laws of the United States, or any state or~~  
 32 ~~territory of the United States~~ violated any state or federal  
 33 law, rule, or regulation, and the violation is a felony or  
 34 misdemeanor, an essential element of which is dishonesty, or  
 35 which relates directly or indirectly to the practice of  
 36 speech-language pathology or audiology<sub>7</sub>. Conviction for

1 violating any state or federal law which relates to  
2 speech-language pathology or audiology is necessarily considered  
3 to constitute a violation, except as provided in Minnesota  
4 Statutes, chapter 364;

5 G. aided or abetted another person in violating any  
6 provision of parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700;

7 H. been or is being disciplined by another  
8 jurisdiction, if any of the grounds for the discipline is the  
9 same or substantially equivalent to those in parts 4750.0010 to  
10 4750.0700;

11 I. not cooperated with the commissioner or advisory  
12 council in an investigation conducted according to subpart 1;

13 J. advertised in a manner that is false or  
14 misleading;

15 K. engaged in conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or  
16 harm the public; or demonstrated a willful or careless disregard  
17 for the health, welfare, or safety of a client;

18 L. failed to disclose to the consumer any fee  
19 splitting or any promise to pay a portion of a fee to any other  
20 professional other than a fee for services rendered by the other  
21 professional to the client;

22 M. engaged in abusive or fraudulent billing  
23 practices, including violations of federal Medicare and Medicaid  
24 laws, Food and Drug Administration regulations, or state medical  
25 assistance laws;

26 N. obtained money, property, or services from a  
27 consumer through the use of undue influence, high pressure sales  
28 tactics, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud;

29 ~~O. violated any state or federal law, rule or~~  
30 ~~regulation which relates directly or indirectly to the practice~~  
31 ~~of speech-language pathology or audiology;~~

32 ~~P.~~ performed services for a client who had no  
33 possibility of benefiting from the services;

34 ~~Q.~~ P. failed to refer a client for medical evaluation  
35 or to other health care professionals when appropriate or when a  
36 client indicated symptoms associated with diseases that could be

1 medically or surgically treated; or

2 ~~R. Q.~~ if the individual is a seller of hearing  
3 instruments as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 153A.13,  
4 subdivision 5, had the permit required by Minnesota Statutes,  
5 chapter 153A, denied, suspended, or revoked according to chapter  
6 4692.

7 Subp. 4. **Disciplinary actions.** If the commissioner finds  
8 that an individual should be disciplined according to subpart 3,  
9 the commissioner may take any one or more of the following  
10 actions:

11 A. refuse to grant or renew registration;

12 B. suspend registration for a period not exceeding  
13 one year;

14 C. revoke registration ~~for a period not exceeding~~  
15 ~~three years~~; or

16 D. take any reasonable lesser action against an  
17 individual upon proof that the individual has violated parts  
18 4750.0010 to 4750.0700.

19 Subp. 5. **Consequences of disciplinary action.** Upon the  
20 suspension or revocation of registration, the speech-language  
21 pathologist or audiologist shall cease to use titles protected  
22 by parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700 and shall cease to represent to  
23 the public that the speech-language pathologist or audiologist  
24 is registered by the commissioner.

25 Subp. 6. **Reinstatement requirements after disciplinary**  
26 **action.** A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who has  
27 had registration suspended ~~or revoked~~ may apply petition on  
28 forms provided by the commissioner for reinstatement ~~or~~  
29 ~~registration renewal~~ following the period of suspension ~~or~~  
30 ~~revocation~~ specified by the commissioner. The requirements of  
31 part 4750.0300 for renewing registration must be met before  
32 registration may be reinstated ~~or renewed~~.

33 4750.0700 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND AUDIOLOGIST ADVISORY  
34 COUNCIL.

35 Subpart 1. **Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint



1 seven persons to a Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist  
2 Advisory Council.

3 A. The seven persons must include:

4 (1) Two public members, as defined in Minnesota  
5 Statutes, section 214.02. The public members shall be either  
6 persons receiving services of a speech-language pathologist or  
7 audiologist, or family members of or caregivers to such persons.

8 (2) Two speech-language pathologists registered  
9 under parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700, one of whom is currently and  
10 has been, for the five years immediately preceding the  
11 appointment, engaged in the practice of speech-language  
12 pathology in Minnesota and each of whom is employed in a  
13 different employment setting including, but not limited to,  
14 private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation settings,  
15 educational settings, and government agencies.

16 (3) One speech-language pathologist registered  
17 under parts 4750.0010 to 4750.0700, who is currently and has  
18 been, for the five years immediately preceding the appointment,  
19 employed by a Minnesota public school district or a Minnesota  
20 public school district consortium that is authorized by  
21 Minnesota Statutes and who is licensed in communication  
22 disorders by the Minnesota Board of Teaching.

23 (4) Two audiologists registered under parts  
24 4750.0010 to 4750.0700, one of whom is currently and has been,  
25 for the five years immediately preceding the appointment,  
26 engaged in the practice of audiology in Minnesota and each of  
27 whom is employed in a different employment setting including,  
28 but not limited to, private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation  
29 settings, educational settings, industry, and government  
30 agencies.

31 Subp. 2. **Organization.** The advisory council shall be  
32 organized and administered under Minnesota Statutes, section  
33 15.059.

34 Subp. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

35 A. advise the commissioner regarding speech-language  
36 pathologist and audiologist registration standards;

- 1           B. advise the commissioner on enforcement of parts  
2 4750.0010 to 4750.0700;
- 3           C. provide for distribution of information regarding  
4 speech-language pathologist and audiologist registration  
5 standards;
- 6           D. review applications and make recommendations to  
7 the commissioner on granting or denying registration or  
8 registration renewal;
- 9           E. review reports of investigations relating to  
10 individuals and make recommendations to the commissioner as to  
11 whether registration should be denied or disciplinary action  
12 taken against the individual;
- 13           F. advise the commissioner regarding approval of  
14 continuing education sponsors using the criteria in part  
15 4750.0400, subpart 3; and
- 16           G. perform other duties authorized for advisory  
17 councils by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214, or as directed by  
18 the commissioner.