

Instructions for Obtaining Provisional Licensure in Speech-Language Pathology Through the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS)

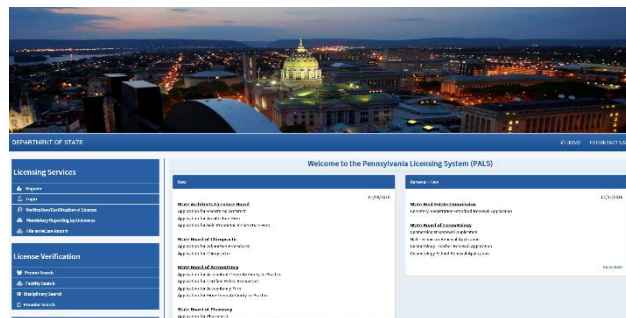
What is required for the Provisional License?

- Must have a conferred Master's degree
- Must have secured employment
- Must have a licensed supervisor for the Clinical Fellow Experience

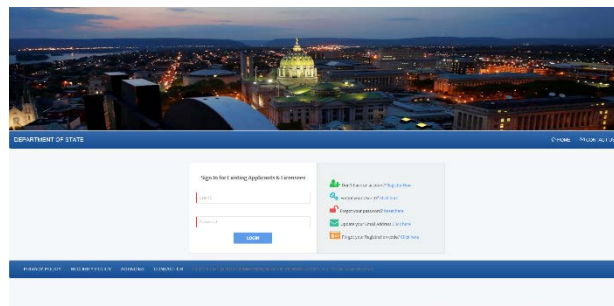
What is not required for the Provisional license?

- The Praxis II exam is not required for the Provisional license. It is required when applying for FULL licensure.

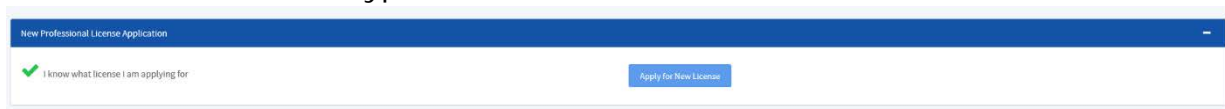
The application for Provisional Licensure is completed thru the PALS (Pennsylvania Licensing System) @ <https://www.pals.pa.gov/>



- This can be reached through Internet Explorer or Google Chrome platforms
- As a first time user on PALS, select REGISTER, to establish an account (including creating username and password)



- Select: *Application for Provisional Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist*
 - Then select type of license: **EXPERIENCE**



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The screenshot shows a web-based application form. At the top, there are two buttons: 'Save' (green) and 'Continue' (blue). Below these, the form has two dropdown menus: 'Board/Commission' set to 'State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology' and 'License Type' set to 'Provisional Speech Language Pathologist'. Under 'Obtained By', there is a dropdown menu with 'Experience' selected. Below the dropdowns, there is a confirmation statement: 'I confirm that I have completed a master's degree program in speech-language pathology and need to complete the supervised professional experience.' with a checkbox labeled 'Confirm'. At the bottom right of the form is a 'Next' button. The background shows a sidebar with 'License No.', 'Showing 0 to 0', and 'Activities'.

Specific Requirements for Provisional Licensure application:

- Application fee of \$50.00 will be paid with a credit card on-line when you submit your application through PALS.
- Master's Degree transcript- Request the accredited college or university where your master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology has been conferred mail an official transcript directly to the Board in an official school sealed envelope to:
State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
PO Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649
- Experience Plan letter
 - Applicant is required to complete no less than 1260 hours of supervised professional experience in no less than 9 months but no more than 2 years from a currently licensed Pennsylvania-licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. The applicant must write a letter of detailing the applicant's plans for completing the supervised professional experience (CF) as outlined in Section 45.20 of the Board's the regulations and the name of the planned supervisor, name of employer, etc.
- Current Pennsylvania Employment Form.
 - Applicant **MUST** have an employer or offer of employment at the time of application
 - Download the Current PA Employer form and provide to your employer to complete. Upload the completed form to your application in PALS. This form is not required if self-employed or employed by a school district or intermediate unit.
- Verification to Act as a Supervisor for Speech-Language Pathology Professional Experience
 - Applicant **MUST** have an identified PA licensed supervisor at the time of application

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- Download Supervision Verification form and provide the form to your supervisor.
 - Supervisor complete the bottom portion
 - Location section: identification of the company / hospital/ SNF/ site is sufficient
 - Dates of planned professional experience: provide dates that are an estimate of the 9 month experience
 - Once form is completed; it is to be uploaded with application in PALS.
- Act 31/126 Mandated Reporter training:
 - All persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of Dept. of Human Services-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. Please refer to the Board website for further information on approved CE providers and links to several providers. Once you have completed a course, the approved provider will electronically submit your name, date of attendance, etc., to the Board.
 - Criminal Background check:
 - Upload Criminal Background check verification
 - National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query
 - Applicant must provide a Self-Query from the National Practitioner Data Bank which is valid for 6 months from date of issuance. A Self-Query can be requested online at <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>
 - When you receive the "Self-Query Response" from the National Practitioner Data Bank, **upload the report to your application in PALS.** (Verify that "Self-Query Response" is sent to the Board and not a discrepancy notice.)

Review Your Application

Add to Cart

You cannot make any changes to your application once it is submitted to the Board/Commission.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST OBTAINED BY EXPERIENCE

Please follow all directions. Any discrepancies will cause a delay in the issuance of a license. If this application is not completed within six months, updates of certain sections and supporting documents will be required. If applicable, all background check documents cannot be older than 90 days from the date of issuance. If this application is not completed within one year, you will be required to complete a new application and resubmit the application fee. You may not practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until you have been issued a license, certificate, registration, permit, or authorization.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Edit

Application - This provisional license is valid for 18 months from the date issued.

Attach \$50.00 application fee (non-refundable) payable to the Commonwealth of PA.

Databank - Applicants for provisional licensure are required to provide a Self-Query, completed within 6 months of submission of this application to the Board, from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) providing information about the applicant's licensure status in other states. Upload the Self-Query Report that you receive from the NPDB.

Child Abuse Continuing Education - Per Act 31 of 2014, three (3) hours of Department of Human Services approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements must be completed prior to your license being issued. Verification of completion must be sent electronically and directly from the course provider. Please note that it may take up to 7 days for the provider to submit the records to our office. For more information and a list of Board-approved providers, click the "Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training" link.

Experience Plan - Applicants for a license as a Speech-Language Pathologist are required to complete no less than 1260 hours of supervised professional experience in no less than 9 months but no more than 2 years from a currently licensed Pennsylvania-licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. In order to complete the professional experience, the applicant must provide the Board an explanation of the applicant's plans for completing the supervised professional experience as outlined in Section 45.20 of the Board's the regulations and the name of the planned supervisor. The supervisor may not supervise more than 3 applicants completing their supervised professional experience at a time and the applicant may not work under the direction of more than two supervisors at one time. The professional experience must be completed within 4 years of the date the speech-language pathology degree was conferred unless waived by the Board. A letter explaining the supervisory plan must be uploaded with this application.

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Check Out : You may continue adding additional items to your cart. [Click here](#) to go to the dashboard.

Total: **\$50.00**

Click box to the left of each item you wish to pay for at this time and proceed to payment.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL SPEECHLANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST OBTAINED BY EXPERIENCE	1		50	\$50.00

Your available Credit: \$ 0

All fees are non-refundable. Please check to continue with your transaction.

Once your transaction is complete you will receive a confirmation message and reference number. This may take a few moments. Please do not close your browser or navigate away from this page until the confirmation is received OR YOUR TRANSACTION MAY NOT BE COMPLETED.

Complete the process



PALS Payment

Review Your Order

Total Amount: USD 50.00

Pay With Your Credit Card

Cardholder Name

Credit Card Number



Expiry Date (MMYY)

Security Code

 Present

CVV2 is the Visa term for the 3-digit security code on the back of the credit card (Visa and MasterCard). For American Express, it is 4-digits and located on the front.



Address

City

TIPS:

- Applicant can check their PALS account for status updates. It will provide you information as to items that are still missing from application.
- Calling the Board of Examiners to inquire about the status of an application only causes delays in processing times.
- Calling the Board of Examiners will not expedite the application.

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Completion of CF and ready to apply for full license

- Return to PALS to apply for APPLICATION of full license
 - When you apply for the full license on-line at www.pals.pa.gov, you will answer survey questions that will assist you in completing the correct application. The application will provide instructions as to the documentation that will need to be submitted.
- Application fee of \$50 will be paid with a credit card on-line when you submit your application through PALS.
- Items that are required that were submitted as part of the Provisional license will pull over in most cases. Criminal History Record Checks and National Practitioner Data Bank Self-Query are time sensitive and will need to be re-completed.
- Request NTE (1-800-772-9476) to submit examination results directly to the board. (Use code 8053 for Pennsylvania when requesting scores.)
- Follow submission requirements as per instructions for full licensure
- VERIFICATION OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE for the full 9 months (no less than 1260 hours) to be completed by applicant and supervisor.

Questions or concerns can be directed to:

State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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