

BSPA Newsflash – Proposed New Rule Re Qualifications of Audiologists Supervising Au.D. Students

On November 14, 2013, the Board filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing that addresses the qualifications of audiologist preceptors for audiology clinical doctoral students who are completing their supervised clinical experience. This proposed rule change would only affect supervision of audiology students completing their graduate program after August 1, 2007.

This change is supported by the Oregon Academy of Audiology and Pacific University School of Audiology.

A hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. on this proposed rule change. In addition, public comments in support or opposition may be submitted to the Board via email or postmarked no later than December 18th at 5:30 p.m.

OAR 335-060-0007 (Licensure of Audiologists) would be changed as follows:

(2) "Supervised clinical experience" under ORS 681.264(3) means:

(a) For those applicants completing their graduate program after 1993 but prior to August 1, 2007 a program of clinical work that is:

(A) Begun after completing all graduate degree requirements;

(B) Supervised by an audiologist who holds a Certificate of Clinical competency from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or certification from the American Board of Audiology;

(C) A minimum of 35 hours per week for 52 weeks of practice, or its equivalent, for a total of not less than 1,820 hours;

(D) A minimum of 50% of the hours spent in direct client/patient contact (assessment/diagnosis/evaluation, screening, treatment, report writing, family/client consultation, and/or counseling), with the remainder in related record keeping and administrative duties.

(b) For those applicants completing their graduate program after August 1, 2007 a program of clinical work that is:

(A) Incorporated into an accredited graduate program awarding a clinical doctorate (Au.D.) degree in audiology;

(B) Supervised by an audiologist who holds a ~~[Certificate of Clinical competency from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or certification from the American Board of Audiology]~~ **valid state license to practice audiology;**

(C) A minimum of 1,820 hours.

For details about the proposed impact of this rule, see the attached Notice.

As always, please call or email our office with any questions.