

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

Adopted Board Policies

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Any updates to the manual will reflect the date approved by the Board.

Please note that policy statements issued by the Board are subject to change and require no prior notice from the Board. You may contact the Board office to confirm that the information in this publication is still current.

PCE Completion

A PCE who has applied for licensure during the time in which he/she has his/her PCE who completes his/her ASHA CCCs is not required to complete the PCE before the license can be issued.

This policy reviewed and adopted at the December 18, 2006 meeting.

Nasoendoscopy

The use of procedures and devise for the purpose of the diagnosis and treatment of speech-language disorders falls within the scope of the practice. It requires adequate training and clearly does not include medical procedures or treatment.

This policy reviewed and adopted at the March 12, 2007 meeting.

Submission of Continuing Education Information

When requested to do so, all applicants must provide continuing education information in compliance with Board Rule 609-7-.01. The information submitted must include a certificate of completion and a course outline for each program attended. **The information submitted must be organized & concise.** Information that is submitted that is scant or excessive will be returned for the applicant's resubmission. The return of information to the applicant will extensively delay processing. Please make sure you review CE information carefully prior to submission.

This policy reviewed and adopted at the September 27, 2010 meeting.

Reinstatement Policy

All applicants must provide continuing education information in compliance with Board rule 609-7-.01. The information submitted must include a certificate of completion and a course outline for each program attended. **The information submitted must be organized & concise.** Information that is submitted that is scant or excessive will be returned for the applicant's resubmission. The return of information to the applicant will extensively delay processing

Practice with Expired License

For 0-6 months – reinstate with a **Private** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$500 within 60 days of docket date of the reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 30 contact hours or 3.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

Greater than 6 months but no more than 12 months: reinstate with a **Public** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$1000 within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 30 contact hours or 3.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

Greater than 12 months but no more than 24 months: reinstate with a **Public** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine of \$1500 within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed

- 40 contact hours or 4.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of the application;
- o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
- o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

More than 24 months: reinstate with a **Public** Consent Order in addition to fees & ce requirements as outlined below:

- Fees:
 - o Applicant must pay the late renewal fee; and
 - o Applicant must pay a fine as determined at the Board's discretion within 60 days of docket date of reinstatement consent order.
- Continuing Education:
 - o Applicant must submit documentation of having completed 50 contact hours or 5.0 CEUs directly related to the scope of practice of the license within two (2) years preceding the date of the application;
 - o Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for any upcoming renewal period; and
 - o 2 contact hours continuing education in Ethics must be obtained within 12 months from the docket date of the reinstatement consent order.

This policy reviewed and adopted at September 27, 2010 meeting.

Screenings

Pursuant to Board Rule 609-6-.02 screenings are allowed as follows:

- Otoscopy – Can conduct screenings for cerumen impactions and foreign objects but not diagnostic otoscopy for medical conditions.
- Audiometry – Can conduct pass/fail pure tone screenings.
- Tympanometry – Can conduct pass/fail screenings.

This policy reviewed and adopted at the October 20, 2008 meeting.

Response to Instruction/Intervention (RTI)

RTI is described by the State Department of Education as a learning process that matches general education classroom instruction to each student's learning needs. In other words, educators respond to a student's academic and/or behavior challenge with the right amount of intensity in classroom learning supports. These instruction techniques are called *interventions*. *Progress Monitoring* measures student success by frequently using checkpoints to measure performance. Check points, including the use of standardized test results, data collection charts and/or classroom observations, display an instant picture on the impact of the intervention.

The policy of the Georgia Board is that RTI workshops and seminars are not directly related to therapy techniques and therefore are considered a related area to the practice of speech and language therapy and can provide up to .2 (or 2 hours) toward continuing education credits.

This policy adopted at the April 10, 2010 meeting.

Administratively Processed Applications with report of DUI

Applications received that report only one (1) DUI within the last three (3) years, and verified by a GCIC report that this is the only criminal activity (GCIC to be run by Enforcement), can be approved administratively. The administrative processing of these licenses means that the Board staff has reviewed the documents and approved licensure based upon the laws, rules and Board policies that pertain to that specific type of licensure. These administratively issued licensees will be considered for a vote to ratify at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

This policy adopted at the April 8, 2013 meeting.