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Alabama	X					SLPA		SLPA					*
Alaska		X				SLPA		SLPA			2		15/2
Arizona	X					SL Technician*		SLPA			2	3	10/1 or 180/6*
Arkansas		X				SLPA		SLPA	SLP Aide		2	3	SLPA & Aide 10/yr
California		X				X*		SLPA		SLP & AUD Aide*	2		SLPA 12/2
Colorado				SLPA*		SLPA					3		50/5
Connecticut					X*								0
DC													0
Delaware	X					SLPA		SLPA			*		*
Florida			X			SLPA			Aud Asst.		2	3	20/2
Georgia		*	Paraprofessionals and SL Associate				SL Associate	Paraprofessional	SLP Aide	Paraprofessional*	1-2*		0
Hawaii				X				Communication Aide		Communication Aide			0
Idaho								Paraprofessional	Paraprofessional	*			0
Illinois	X (SLPAs only)							SLPA			2 (SLPAs)	1 (SLPAs)	*
Indiana		X				SLP Assistant		SLP Associate	SLP Aide		2		0
Iowa					X*				SLPA I & II		3		0
Kansas		X							SLP Asst. & Aud Asst.				0
Kentucky	X			X		SLPA (school settings only)					2		30/2
Louisiana	X*		Speech Pathologist Assistant (schools only)*			Speech Pathologist Assistant					3		10/1

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Maine		X (SLPAs only)						SLPA/Ed Tech II and III*	Ed Tech I		2 (SLPAs)		0
Maryland	X					SLPA		SLPA			2	1	10/2
Massachusetts	X					SLPA & Aud Asst.	SLPA & Aud Asst.	SLPA & Aud Asst.			3		0
Michigan					X								0
Minnesota													0
Mississippi	X					Speech Associate	X						1
Missouri			X			Speech Implementer*							0
Montana									SLP Asst/Aide & Aud Aide				*
Nebraska			X*			Speech Language Technician							0
Nevada					X								0
New Hampshire													0
New Jersey					X								0
New Mexico													0
New York					X								0
North Carolina		X				SLPA		SLPA			2	1	*
North Dakota				X*		SLP paraprofess.	X	SLP paraprofess.		Speech-Language Pathology Aide	2		0
Ohio													
Oklahoma			X					SLPA (beginning June, 2013)*			2		20/2
Oregon			SLPA							X*	2*		15/2
Pennsylvania													
Rhode Island													

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South Carolina	X (SLPAs only)					SLPA					2	3	8/2
South Dakota			X					X*					
Tennessee	X	X*				X*							
Texas	X					SLPA & Aud Asst.			Aud Asst.		4		20/2
Utah	Speech-Language Tech									x*			
Vermont					X								0
Virginia	SLPA*					SLPA		SLPA			3*		*
Washington													0
West Virginia						Speech Assistant*							*
Wisconsin	X									Spec. Educ.Aide*			0
Wyoming			X			SLPA		SLPA*		Paraprofessional/ Assistant*	3		12
TOTAL	15	9	9	4	7	23	3	20	10	8	22	6	21

*Exceptions

The information in the chart indicates the requirements specified for school settings only either by the state licensure board and/or the state Department of Education.

AL	1) and 13) Regulations to be promulgated for licensing of SLPAs allowing services in both school and private practice but not hospital settings.
AZ	6) Speech Language Technicians have no supervision requirements.
CA	13) Speech-language technicians must complete 180 clock hours of graduate level coursework every six years.
CA	6) Bachelors degree in SLP or communication disorders fulfills equivalency standard for assistants. Board may consider 9 months FT experience in lieu of field or bachelor's clinical experience.
CO	10) Aides do not need formal academic or clinical training and must be directly supervised.
CO	4) Department of Education provides an authorization.
CT	5) Unlicensed but in laws.
DE	(11) Ratios have not yet passed in regulations as of 10/24.
DE	(13) Continuing education requirements have not yet been passed in regulations as of 10/24.
GA	2) Registration for SLP Aides is not required in schools if no fees are charged for services.
GA	10) As an alternative to an Associate's degree, a paraprofessional may have two years of college coursework or passed a PSC approved paraprofessional assessment (with a high school diploma or GED).
GA	11) Numbers only apply to aides. Full time supervisor, no more than 2 aides, part-time supervisor, no more than 1 aide.
IA	5) Unlicensed but in rules.
ID	10) Requires high school diploma and two years of study at institution of higher education or an associate's degree or higher.
IL	1) License provided by Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. No professional educator license required.
IL	13) Choices are provided for continuing education fulfillment. Continuing education requirements differ for outside of school settings.
LA	1) Offers a provisional license.
LA	3) Valid for three years only. Speech pathologist assistants in schools must be licensed and have ancillary certification.
ME	8) Educational technicians Level III require more post-secondary hours than Level II. Educational Technicians receive an authorization from the Department of Education.

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MO	6) Speech implementers must have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary or Secondary Education or Communication Disorders and a current MO teaching certificate.												
MT	13) Must attend specific training activities as determined by the supervisor.												
NC	13) As assigned by supervising SLP.												
ND	4) SLP Paraprofessional for school settings only. Certificate of completion for SLP, restricted educator's license for SLP, or SLP licensed issued by Audiology and SLP Board required.												
NE	3) Requires an endorsement under a Provisional Special Services Certificate.												
OK	8) Speech language therapist assistant certificates are no longer being issued, they may only renew current certificates.												
OR	10) Administrative rules specify course hours and contact hours of clinical interaction. Supervision exemptions apply allowing up to four full-time.												
SC	1) Department of Education requires license through the licensing board												
SD	8) As an alternative to the degree, they may earn a minimum of 48 college credits or pass the designated ParaPro state test.												
TN	2) Registration with the licensing board is a pathway option. 6) Also accepts a C-SLPA (called SLPA-C in laws) from ASHA												
UT	10) SL Technicians must enroll in a program approved by the Board, administered by the Superintendent, or complete the C-SLPA from ASHA.												
VA	1) Regulations to be promulgated by July 1, 2026 that allows SLPA practice in all settings. 11) Actual numbers to be specified in regulations. 13) Requirements will be defined in regulations.												
WI	10) Experience and coursework requirements are established by the school district.												
WV	6) Authorization required for a Speech Assistant. 13) Professional development required but hours and frequency are not specified.												
WY	8) Alternative to associate degree include credit hours that are equivalent or a passing score on a nationally recognized test for paraprofessionals. 10) School districts determine requirements for these positions.												