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**REGISTRATION AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE
PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY**

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HAS 6.01 Authority and purpose. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the hearing and speech examining board under the authority of ss. 227.11 (2), 459.44 and 459.46, Stats., to govern the registration of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Note: During the registration phase from December 1, 1990 until June 30, 1993, the department shall collect data relating to the registration of speech-language pathologists and audiologists, as specified in s. 440.04 (8), Stats. After June 30, 1993, the department shall report the data, and recommendations on whether the licensure of speech-language pathologists and audiologists under subch. II of ch. 459, Stats., is appropriate, to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution, as specified in s. 13.172 (2), Stats.

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HAS 6.02 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Audiologist" means an individual engaged in the practice of audiology.

(2) "Audiology" means applying principles, methods or procedures of prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, intervention, instruction or research related to hearing, vestibular function, or any abnormal condition related to tinnitus, auditory sensitivity, acuity, function or processing, speech, language or other aberrant behavior resulting from hearing loss.

(3) "Board" means the hearing and speech examining board.

(4) "Registrant" means an individual registered under s. 459.46, Stats.

(5) "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

(6) "Speech-language pathology" means applying principles, methods or procedures of prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, intervention, instruction or research related to speech, language, cognition or swallowing or any abnormal condition involving speech, articulation, fluency, voice, verbal or written language, auditory comprehension, cognition or communication or oral, pharyngeal or laryngeal sensorimotor competencies.

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HAS 6.03 Application for registration. Every applicant for initial registration as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall submit:

(1) An application on a form provided by the board.

Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) A \$50 registration fee.

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Note: This chapter applies during the period beginning on December 1, 1990, and ending on June 30, 1993, as specified in s. 459.42, Stats.

(3) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant does not have a conviction record.

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HAS 6.04 Standards of conduct. (1) The board may reprimand a registrant, or deny, limit, suspend or revoke a certificate of a registrant, or may assess against a registrant a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500, if it finds that the registrant has done any of the following:

- (a) Made a material misstatement in an application for a certificate.
- (b) Engaged in conduct in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills, as defined in sub. (2).
- (c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., been convicted of an offense the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.
- (d) Advertised in a manner which is false, deceptive or misleading.
- (e) Advertised, practiced or attempted to practice under another's name.
- (f) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.34, Stats., practiced speech-language pathology or audiology while the individual's ability to practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

(g) Violated this section or any rule promulgated under this section.

(2) Conduct in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.34, Stats., practicing or attempting to practice speech-language pathology or audiology while the individual's ability to practice is impaired by mental or emotional disorder.
- (b) Using the titles "registered speech-language pathologist" or "clinical audiologist" or any designation tending to imply that the person is registered when the person is not a registrant or the person's registration has been suspended or revoked.
- (c) Violating the conditions or limitations placed upon a registrant at the time of registration.
- (d) Engaging in conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm an individual or the public in the course of the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.
- (e) Having a license, certificate, permit or registration issued by another jurisdiction to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist limited, suspended or revoked.

(f) Aiding or abetting an unregistered person, knowingly conspiring with an unregistered person, or allowing one's registration to be used by

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an unregistered person to evade the use of title restrictions under s. 459.46, Stats.

(g) Engaging in sexual intimacies in connection with the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.

(h) Failing to make referrals and the use of other available resources to ensure that the highest quality service is provided.

(i) Failing to fully inform persons served of the nature and possible effects of services rendered and products dispensed.

(j) Failing to evaluate the effectiveness of services rendered and products dispensed and providing services or dispensing products when benefit cannot reasonably be expected.

(k) Guaranteeing the results of any treatment or procedure, directly or by implication, except that a reasonable statement of prognosis may be made.

(l) Evaluating or treating speech, language, or hearing disorders except in a professional relationship, or evaluating or treating solely by correspondence.

(m) Failing to maintain adequate records of professional services rendered and products dispensed and failing to provide access to the records when requested.

(n) Misrepresenting diagnostic information, services rendered, or products dispensed or engaging in any scheme or artifice to defraud in connection with obtaining reimbursement.

(o) Using persons in research or as the subject of a teaching demonstration without obtaining their informed consent.

(p) Failing to practice speech-language pathology or audiology within the scope of the registrant's competence, education, training and experience.

(q) Delegating the provision of clinical services to unregistered persons for whom the registrant does not provide direct supervision and assume full responsibility.

(r) Permitting any professional staff person to provide services that exceed that staff person's competence, education, training and experience.

(s) Failing to assign credit to persons who have contributed to clinical services, a publication, presentation or product in proportion to their contribution.

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