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Alabama			X			SLPA I	SLPA II						50/5*
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 12/yr
California		X				X*		SLPA		SLP & AUD Aide*	2		SLPA 12/2
Colorado				SLPA*		SLPA					3		50/5
Connecticut					X*								0
DC													0
Delaware													0
Florida			X			SLPA			Aud Asst.		2	3	20/2
Georgia		*	Paraprofessionals					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
Maine		X (SLPAs only)						SLPA/Ed Tech II and III*	Ed Tech I		2 (SLPAs)		0
Maryland	X					SLPA		SLPA			2	1	10/2

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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 paraprofessional	X	SLP paraprofessional		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													
South Carolina													
South Dakota			X					X*					
Tennessee													
Texas	X					SLPA & Aud Asst.			Aud Asst.		4*		20/2
Utah													*

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Vermont					X								0
Virginia													0
Washington													0
West Virginia						Speech Assistant*							*
Wisconsin	X									Spec. Educ.Aide*			0
Wyoming			x			SLPA		SLPA*		Paraprofessional/Assistant*	3		12
TOTAL	9	8	10	4	7	19	3	17	10	8	21	6	20

*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 13) Applies only to Level II SLPAs.
- AZ 6) Speech Language Technicians have no supervision requirements.
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 mo FT experience in lieu of field or bachelor's clinical experience.
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.
- GA 2) Registration for SLP Aides is not required in schools if no fees are charged for services.
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).

- IA 11) Numbers only apply to aides. Full time supervisor, no more than 2 aides, part-time supervisor, no more than 1 aide.
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.
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.
- 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.
- SD 8) As an alternative to the degree, they may earn a minimum of 48 college credits or pass the designated ParaPro state test.
- TX 11) An exception may be made allowing supervision of more than four individuals if the supervisor submits documentation demonstrating their ability to manage the entire caseload.
- WI 10) Experience and coursework requirements are established by the school district.
- WV 6) Authorization required for a Speech Assistant.

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WY	13) Professional development required but hours and frequency are not specified. 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.												