

Federal Regulations for Programs Culminating in Certification/Licensure

Disclosure

Dept of Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD)
Louisiana State University

The LSU COMD program meets the national accreditation standards that prepare students with a Master's degree to qualify for national certification and/or licensure (state requirement) in Speech-Language Pathology. The Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA), a semi-autonomous body established by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Legislative Council, sets the standards for accreditation of graduate education programs in the US. Compliance with all standards represents the minimum requirement for accreditation. The accreditation held by LSU Communication Sciences and Disorders certifies that our program has established a program of studies in both coursework and clinical practica that adheres to current CAA requirements. Therefore, our graduates are eligible for national certification, state licensure, and employment in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as US territories.

There are NO states or US territories for which LSU's COMD program curriculum does not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure. However, many states issue a provisional license until the applicant has completed a successful mentored year of professional practice. Certification similarly requires a mentored Clinical Fellowship year.

There are no states or US territories for which a determination has not been made, since all are based on the same national standard.

Students can file a complaint (after going through the grievance policies of the institution) to SACSCOC using the following form sent via ground mail to:

President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

And to the state authorization agency (if a distance education student and is unable to resolve the complaint through the grievance policies of the institution) using the following form to:

Louisiana Board of Regents
P.O. Box 3677
Baton Rouge, LA
70821-3677
ATTN: SARA Student Complaints