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### CLINICAL DEFICIENCY PLAN FOR AN ASSISTANT IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY WORKSHEET (Refer to §741.64 Board Rules)

§741.64(e) An applicant who has not acquired the 25 hours of clinical observation and 25 hours of clinical experience referenced in subsection (a)(3) of this section shall not meet the minimum qualifications for the assistant license. These hours must be obtained through an accredited college or university, or through a Clinical Deficiency Plan. **In order to acquire these hours, the applicant shall first obtain the assistant license by submitting the forms, fees, and documentation referenced in §741.112(d) of this title (relating to Required Application Materials) and include the prescribed Clinical Deficiency Plan to acquire the clinical observation and clinical assisting experience hours lacking.**

(1) The licensed speech-language pathologist who will provide the applicant with the training to acquire these hours shall submit:

- (A) the supervisory responsibility statement form; and
- (B) the prescribed Clinical Deficiency Plan.

(2) The board office shall evaluate the documentation and fees submitted to determine if the assistant license shall be issued. Additional information or revisions may be required before approval is granted.

#### **REQUIREMENT:**

The applicant for an assistant license must meet minimum standards requiring the twenty-five hours of observation and twenty-five hours of clinical assisting experience. It is critical that a licensed assistant have clinical experience before being placed in the position of assisting or providing services.

An applicant who did not obtain the 25 hours of clinical observation and/or 25 hours of clinical assisting experience within an educational institution does not meet the requirements for the assistant license. The applicant must first attempt to earn the required hours through a university training program. If this is not an option, the applicant must first obtain the assistant license in order to acquire the clinical hours within 60 days of issuance of the license.

#### **DEFICIENCY PLAN:**

**OBSERVATION:** Twenty-five hours of observation must be of actual practice by a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. The observation should have a preparation period where the assistant will be informed of the goals and procedures for each session. A log of observation is required.

**ASSISTING EXPERIENCE:** Twenty-five hours of clinical assisting experience must include actual treatment experience and must be face-to-face interaction defined or prescribed by the licensed speech-language pathology supervisor. **The supervision will be of 100% face-to-face supervision of the sessions with appropriate logs.**

The assistant must be provided with experience consistent with the role of assisting the fully licensed professional in the performance of his/her professional role, not of independent function. The assistant should have a clear idea of what he/she is licensed to do, and is limited in doing. The assistant must understand the ethical and legal responsibilities of an assistant defined by the Act and Board Rules.

Clinical observation and clinical assisting experience must be designed and provided by the licensed speech-language pathologist (supervisor). **The supervisor must complete and submit the Supervisory Responsibility Statement for Assistant Form to the Board office and receive approval before allowing the assistant to acquire the hours.** (Note: The supervisor for an assistant in speech-language pathology must be a licensed speech-language pathologist in Texas).

The Board may ask for further information or revisions before approving or disapproving the plan.

**(Note: The plan must be approved by Board staff and the applicant's license issued before any observation or clinical assisting experience clock hours may begin.) *There will be no exceptions.***