



## CLINICAL OR REHABILITATIVE SERVICES CREDENTIAL

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The Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential authorizes the holder to perform the service designated on the credential (see list below). The service may be performed at any grade level: preschool, K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.

- Audiology
- Orientation and Mobility

### Requirements for the Clear Credential – For Individuals Prepared in California

Individuals must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. For the audiology authorization only, a master's or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university is required. The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advanced degree.
2. [Basic Skills Requirement](#). See Commission leaflet [CL-667](#), entitled *Basic Skills Requirement* for additional information.
3. A [Commission-approved professional preparation program](#) resulting in formal recommendation for the credential by the college or university through which the program was completed
4. An application must be submitted online by the recommending institution
5. If not previously submitted to the Commission, a completed LiveScan receipt is also required ([form 41-LS](#)). This form should be given to the credential analyst at the recommending institution prior to online application submission.

### Requirements for the Clear Credential – For Individuals Prepared Out-of-State

Individuals must satisfy **one** of the following options:

#### Option 1

Individuals who have been prepared out-of-state and completed a preparation program on or after January 1, 1997 from a state found to have equivalency standards must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- a. For the audiology authorization only, a master's or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university is required. The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advanced degree.
- b. On or after January 1, 1997, complete a professional preparation program from a state determined to have equivalent standards to the California Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential—verified by either a copy of the certificate from the approved state or an eligibility letter from the institution where the program was completed or the state agency responsible for issuing the certificate. The out-of-state program must be in the approved Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential requested. See Table 1 (below) to determine which state and specific areas have been approved for this option.
- c. [Basic Skills Requirement](#). See Commission leaflet [CL-667](#), entitled *Basic Skills Requirement* for additional information. A One-Year Nonrenewable credential may be issued at the request of a California employing agency pending the basic skills requirement.

#### Option 2

Applicants who have been prepared out-of-state and do not meet equivalency standards must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- a. For the audiology authorization only, a master’s or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university is required. The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advanced degree.
- b. Verify that the program met the certification requirements for authorization requested in the public schools of the state in which the program was completed – verified by either a copy of the certificate from the approved state or an eligibility letter from the institution where the program was completed or the state agency responsible for issuing the certificate
- c. Official transcripts verifying that the program included a practicum with school-age children, completed with a grade of “C” or better. Applicants who received a “pass,” “credit,” or “satisfactory” grade are assumed to have completed the practicum at a level at least equivalent to grade “C”.
- d. [Basic Skills Requirement](#). See Commission leaflet [CL-667](#), entitled *Basic Skills Requirement* for additional information. A One-Year Nonrenewable credential may be issued at the request of a California employing agency pending the basic skills requirement.

In addition to the requirements listed above, individuals qualifying via Option 1 or Option 2 for out-of-state applicants must submit the application materials listed below.

- a. Application ([form 41-4](#)) and, if not previously submitted to the Commission, a completed LiveScan receipt ([41-LS](#)). Out-of-state residents have the option of submitting two fingerprint cards (FD-258) in lieu of a LiveScan receipt. If submitting fingerprint cards, current fingerprint [processing fees](#) must accompany the application packet.
- b. Application [processing fee](#)

*If the out-of-state preparation does not meet the criteria listed above, the applicant should contact a California college or university with a Commission-approved program for a recommendation or advice about completing the requirements for the credential.*

## **Upgrading a Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential to a Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential**

Individuals who hold a Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential in any service area **except** Orientation and Mobility may upgrade to the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential by submitting **all** of the following to the Commission office:

1. Passing score of 600 on the Educational Testing Services (ETS) Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology Test (Test code 0330). For more information, visit the ETS website at [www.ets.org/](http://www.ets.org/).
2. A 36-week, full-time, mentored clinical experience or equivalent supervised practicum (commonly known as the Clinical Fellowship Year [CFY]). Verification of completion may be provided on **one** of the following forms:
  - a. [Required Professional Experience Form](#) (Form 77V-21) from the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board
  - b. [Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship and Rating Report Form](#) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
3. Official transcripts showing a master’s degree in speech-language pathology from a regionally-accredited college or university (required of holders of **life** Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credentials only)
4. Application ([form 41-4](#)) and [processing fee](#)

*Reference: California Education Code, Section 44268*

For information on the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential authorizing Language, Speech and Hearing, Language, Speech and Hearing and Audiology, Language, Speech and Hearing including Special Class Authorization, and Language, Speech and Hearing and Audiology including Special Class Authorization, please see Commission leaflet [CL-879](#), entitled *Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential*.

[Colleges and Universities in California with Commission-Approved Programs](#)

**TABLE 1**

**Equivalency for Out-of-State Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Programs Completed on or after January 1, 1997**

The following list identifies the only states with professional preparation programs that have been determined by the Commission to be equivalent for the purposes of applying for the Clear Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credentials in the categorical areas indicated.

<i>Colorado</i> .....	AUD, O&M
<i>Delaware</i> .....	AUD
<i>Kansas</i> .....	AUD
<i>North Carolina</i> .....	AUD
<i>Rhode Island</i> .....	AUD
<i>Washington</i> .....	AUD

**KEY**                      **California Title**

- AUD ..... *Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Audiology*
- O&M..... *Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Orientation and Mobility*