



Policy Title: Registration: Required Coursework for Registration as a Speech-Language Pathologist, Audiologist and Hearing Instrument Practitioner	Policy #: R-01	
Reference Bylaws: Part 8, Part 9, and Section 68	HPA reference:	
Authorization: Board of the CSHHPBC	Date Approved: March 19, 2010	Date Revised: June 20, 2014

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

- To create and maintain a reference listing of approved coursework of study to which the College Registration Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee may refer when applicants apply for registration.

SCOPE

- Reference listing of approved coursework for registration of SLPs, Auds, dual Auds and HIPs, and HIPs.
- This is NOT a listing of approved coursework for Advanced certification certificates

POLICY

A. Applicants who are residents of Canada;

The Council on Accreditation of Canadian University Programs has the responsibility for accrediting programs in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology. CACUP is made up of representatives from SAC, regulators and university faculty. Acceptable coursework within Canada for the CSHHPBC Registration and Quality Assurance Committees include:

Speech Language Pathology programs There are currently nine Canadian programs (University of British Columbia; University of Alberta; University of Western Ontario; University of Toronto; University of Ottawa; University of Montreal; McGill University; University of Laval; Dalhousie University) which result in a Master's degree in speech language pathology.

Audiology programs There are currently five Canadian programs (University of British Columbia; University of Western Ontario; University of Ottawa; University of Montreal; Dalhousie University) resulting in a Master's degree in Audiology.

Hearing instrument dispensing programs

1. An Audiologist may choose to apply for dual registration as an Audiologist and as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner. All accredited audiology programs (those noted above) in Canada are approved coursework to practice as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner.



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2. Hearing Instrument Practitioners

- a) Currently there are four Canadian college diploma programs in hearing aid dispensing (Grant MacEwan University, AB; Conestoga Community College, ON; George Brown College, ON; and Rosemont College, QC) which are approved coursework programs.
- b) “Distance Learning for Professionals in Hearing Health Sciences”, a self-directed distance education course, offered through the International Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies (IIHIS), the educational arm of the International Hearing Society (IHS) is an approved coursework program which must be successfully completed by June 30, 2015. As at July 1, 2015 this course is no longer acceptable.

Note: The IIHIS (International Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies) distance course is no longer deemed an acceptable dispensing program. A grand-parenting provision will allow current applicants and future applicants enrolled in the IIHIS course when proof of successful completion is provided to the College no later than June 30, 2015. This grand-parenting provision will expire July 1, 2015.

Applicants who have credentials from programs other than the Canadian programs listed above must obtain an equivalency review from an international credential evaluation service. The applicant will bear the cost of a credential review.

B. Applicants who are residents of the USA;

In the USA, the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) participates in the accreditation of American University programs for speech language pathology and audiology. Acceptable programs of coursework include:

Speech Language Pathology programs – All ASHA accredited programs of coursework resulting in a Master’s degree in speech language pathology.

Audiology programs – All ASHA accredited coursework programs resulting in an audiology degree. A Master’s degree is acceptable as this was the entry to practice requirement prior to 2008.



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Graduate transcripts are required and proof of at minimum 350 supervised clinical hours for SLP and Audiology applicants.

Applicants who have credentials from programs other than the programs listed above must obtain an equivalency review from an international credential evaluation service. The applicant will bear the cost of a credential review.

Hearing instrument dispensing programs

1. An Audiologist may choose to apply for dual registration as an Audiologist and as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner. All accredited audiology programs (those noted above) in the USA are approved programs of coursework to practice as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner.
2. Hearing Instrument Practitioners
 - a) “Distance Learning for Professionals in Hearing Health Sciences”, a self-directed distance education course, offered through the International Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies (IIHIS), the educational arm of the International Hearing Society (IHS) is an approved coursework of study.

Applicants who are graduates in hearing health science programs from Spokane Falls Community College, Burlington Community College or Parkland Community College in the U.S.A., must obtain an equivalency review from an international credential evaluation service. The applicant will bear the cost of a credential review.

C. Applicants who are residents outside Canada and the USA;

The CSHHPBC has not pre-approved any programs of coursework outside Canada or the USA. Each applicant making application for registration must go through a credential review. The applicant will bear the cost of a credential review.

NOTE – Proof of clinical hours may be requested by the QA or Registration committee.

REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Consultants of British Columbia

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College of Speech & Hearing Health Professionals of BC, Bylaws (2009), www.cshhpb.org

Government of British Columbia, Health Professions Act (2008), Victoria, BC: Queens Printer,
www.bclaws.ca

Guidelines for International Applicants

Registration Policy R-02: Practicum Requirements for Application towards Registering as a
Hearing Instrument Practitioner

Registration Policy R-03: Dispensing Program Requirements for Application towards Active
Registration as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner (HIP)

Registration Policy R-04: Examinations Required for Registration as a Hearing Instrument
Practitioner (HIP)

Form 2: Standard Application Form for Registration

Form 3: Statutory Declaration

Form 5: Consent to a Criminal Record Check

Form 8: Application Form - Student - Hearing Instrument Practitioner