

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 305, 3001, 3004 and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. A new Section 80-3.16 shall be added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as follows:

§80-3.16 Additional Certification Pathway for an Initial Certificate for Certain Teacher Candidates Completing a Speech-Language Pathology Program Accredited by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

(a) Initial teaching certificate for candidates completing a speech-language pathology program accredited by the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA). In lieu of meeting the requirements prescribed in section 80-3.3 of this Subpart, a candidate may meet the following requirements for an initial certificate as a teacher of speech and language disabilities (all grades):

(1) Education. The candidate shall meet the education requirement by satisfactorily completing a master's or higher degree program in speech-language pathology accredited by the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA) from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. or its territories or from an institution of higher education authorized by the Regents to confer degrees and whose programs are registered by the Department.

(2) Examination: The candidate must achieve a satisfactory passing score on the Educating All Students (EAS) exam.

(3) Practicum. The candidate shall satisfactorily complete a college-supervised practicum, as defined in section 52.21(b)(1) of this Title, of 150 clock hours that includes experiences with students with speech and language disabilities in early childhood

(birth-grade 2), childhood (grades 1-6), middle childhood (grades 5-9), and adolescence (grades 7-12). The practicum shall include experiences in elementary and/or secondary schools.

(4) Additional requirements: The candidate must complete all other requirements for an Initial certificate prescribed in Subpart 80-1 of this Title, including all required workshops and fingerprinting.