Speech-Language Pathology Competency Evaluation Policy

As a service to our alumni, we are pleased to provide transcript evaluation and reports to the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Illinois State Board of Education in preparation for certification in speech language pathology and/or a professional educator license with a nonteaching speech-language pathologist endorsement necessary to practice in the Illinois public schools. Current students while in the program and graduates up to one year past graduation will receive this service at no cost. Due to possible changes in ASHA certification standards and/or ISBE licensure requirements there is no guarantee that alumni will meet current standards.

For all alumni seeking this service who are more than one year post graduation, the cost for this service is $150. Competency reviews require an average of two hours to review transcripts, review clinical experiences, assess knowledge and skills and complete a report.

Graduates of the NIU SLP program requesting a “Standards for Clinical Certification in Speech-Language Pathology Verification by Program” or “entitlement for a professional educator license with a nonteaching speech-language pathologist endorsement” from the speech language pathology program at NIU, should provide:

1. A written request to the ASHA program director. Included in this letter should be all transcripts from each college or university attended for both undergraduate and graduate work, a description of the Clinical Fellowship Year, all speech language pathology-related work experiences, explanation for any time since graduation when you were not practicing speech language pathology, and all continuing educational activities since your graduation from NIU. All supporting documents of these experiences should be included as attachments.

2. A check for $150 made out to Northern Illinois University – College of Health and Human Sciences. (Alumni within one year of graduation should instead include a note with their date of graduation.)

Send materials to:

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Program Director Speech-Language Pathology
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