

NM SLPA INFOGRAPHIC



This document outlines regulations related to licensure, scope of practice, renewal requirements, and supervision responsibilities for speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs) in the state of New Mexico.

It defines the roles and responsibilities of SLPAs, including assisting with screenings, implementing treatment plans, and providing support under the supervision of licensed Speech-Language Pathologists. Requirements for initial licensure, renewal, and fees are detailed, along with the necessity for ongoing professional development. The document emphasizes the importance of supervision by experienced Speech-Language Pathologists, outlines limitations on SLPA activities, and highlights the need for adherence to ethical standards and documentation practices.



SLPA licensure will replace ASL. SLPA is a career; as long as an SLPA maintains licensure, the licensee may work indefinitely (ASL licensure expires after 5 years and cannot be renewed).

NM SLPA Scope of Practice aligns closely with ASHA SLPA Scope of Practice. It adds additional definitions regarding SLPA, supervision, and telepractice.



NM education requirements align with ASHA education requirements for SLPA initial licensure.

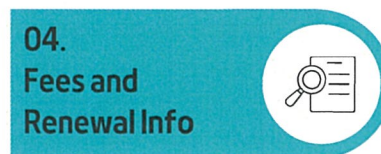
1. SLPAs must meet one of three degree requirements and complete mandatory courses and training in ethics, safety precautions, and confidentiality from ASHA
2. Complete 100 supervised clinical clock hours
3. Pass ASHA SLPA certification examination
4. Pass NM jurisprudence examination



Information regarding licensure fees and licensure renewal requirements:
2-year license

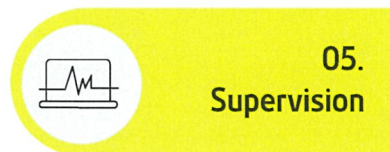
\$100 fee renewable every 2 years

Obtain 20 hours of continuing education over a 2 year period



Requirements regarding supervision of SLPAs in NM

1. SLPA supervisor is responsible for the entire caseload
2. No more than 2 SLPAs supervised by 1 supervisor
3. SLPA supervisor must have first and last contact with each individual on caseload
4. Provide 20% direct supervision and 10% indirect supervision



ASHA first implemented SLPA certification in January 2020
All states surrounding NM recognize ASHA SLPA certification and utilize SLPAs, with varying state requirements. NM has SLPA degree programs, but individuals who graduate with this degree cannot yet practice in NM.

