The School Speech-Language Teacher Licensure (SSLT) Process

There is a distinct path. First contact the Office of Teacher Licensure (OTL) on campus, and send a letter expressing your desire to become licensed to practice in the schools with a B.S./B.A, together with a transcript of your undergraduate work. This is NOT a speech pathology license; rather, it is the School Speech-Language Teacher licensure, and is a limited-practice license to work under the supervision of a fully credentialed SLP. The Teacher Licensure Office phone number is 615-904-8001. They are in COE 214.

The OTL will send the package to Dr. Melinda Richards of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She will vet your transcript for SLPA requirements. You must have a degree in SLPA with the Schools Practicum/Seminar and 100 clinical clock hours.

Dr. Richards will identify coursework deficiencies and sign off on it, then send it to the Chair, who sends it to the Dean, who sends it back to the OTL. At that point, you are given clearance to enroll.

Those who come with undergraduate degrees from UTK or other programs where they majored in CD have a shorter path to the license. With a degree in a discipline other than Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, there are a few more requirements: 42 semester hours in SLPA courses, Seminar in Schools Service delivery and proof of 100 clinical hours under the supervision of an ASHA-certified SLP.

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