

**There are three different credentials in NYS:**

**1. New York licensed speech-language pathologist**

A New York speech-language pathologist has completed a minimum of a Master's degree in speech-language pathology. This includes courses in basic communication processes, audiology, scientific areas of speech-language pathology and language, as well as a supervised practice of at least 300 hours. In addition, New York licensed speech-language pathologists have satisfactorily completed at least nine months of paid supervised experience and passed a written, State-approved licensing examination. Licensed speech-language pathologists are also required by law to complete 30 hours of continuing competency learning activities every three years. The NYS license is the minimum requirement in all practice settings except schools and federal agencies.

source: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/>

**2. Certified Teacher of Students with Speech-Language Disabilities**

The state of NY issues a teaching certificate for teachers of students with speech-language disabilities; formerly called Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped (TSHH) prior to February of 2004.

source: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

**3. The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence**

The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence for Speech-Language Pathologists (CCC-SLP) is the internationally recognized credential for speech-language pathologists. The demanding journey to achieve this voluntary certification (which includes undergoing a rigorous academic program and supervised clinical experience, passing a national exam, and completing an internship) helps ensure that professionals who provide clinical services in speech-language pathology receive the highest quality preparation and training and engage in continuous education in professional development activities to stay current in the field.

source: <http://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/certification/BrochureCCCSLP.pdf>