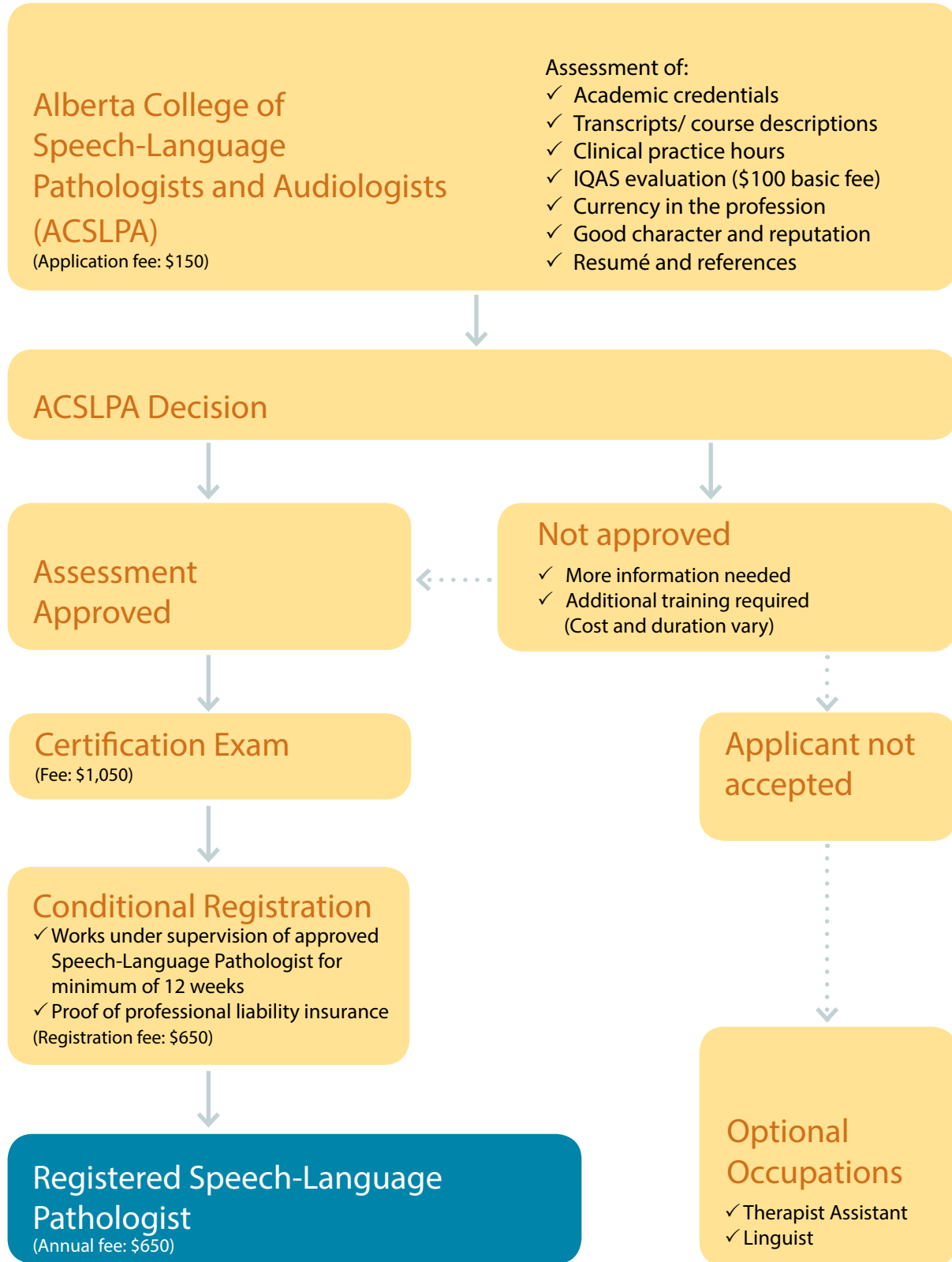


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Description of Occupation

Speech-Language Pathologists are professionals who have a master's or doctorate degree in speech-language pathology. They specialize in the prevention, assessment, diagnosis and management of communication and swallowing disorders. Speech-language pathologists work directly with clients of all ages and their families/caregivers.

Obtaining Registration in Alberta

Speech-Language Pathologists must be registered with the Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (ACSLPA) in order to work in clinical, administrative, teaching or research settings, or to volunteer in the profession in Alberta.

Complete the Registration Application Package and provide detailed and accurate answers to all questions. When your application is complete, sign it and mail it to ACSLPA along with your application fee and any other required documents to this address:

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
#209, 3132 Parsons Road
Edmonton, Alberta T6N 1L6

Note: You will also need to make arrangements to have certain documents (i.e., academic transcripts, clinical practice hours, employer reference) sent directly to ACSLPA from the issuing organization.

Links to the Registration Application Package and other resources are at the end of this document.

Internationally educated speech-language pathologists should begin the Credential Assessment part of the application process before arriving in Alberta, and before applying for registration with ACSLPA.

Residency Requirement

You must be a permanent resident of Canada, a landed immigrant, or have a valid work permit.

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To be a Registered Speech-Language Pathologist you must:

- Provide the completed application form, required documents and application fee;
- Have completed a master's degree, or equivalent, in speech-language pathology;
- Obtain an academic credentials assessment from an agency such as the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS);
- Provide evidence of meeting ACSLPA requirements for currency qualifications, good character and English language proficiency;
- Provide a written reference;
- Successfully complete the Speech-Pathology & Audiology Canada (SAC) Certification Examination; and
- Have professional liability insurance.

Only regulated ACSLPA members may use the following titles: Speech-language pathologist, Speech therapist, Speech pathologist, SLP, R.SLP

Credential Assessment

Internationally educated speech-language pathologists must meet the following requirements:

Note: It may take ACSLPA four (4) to six (6) months to process international applications. (This includes time that may be required for review of the application and completion of any required examinations or other assessments.) You will be notified of any registration decisions by email and/or registered mail.

1. Academic Credentials

The minimum education requirement is a master's degree, or equivalent, in speech-language pathology. A minimum of 350 hours of university-supervised clinical practice is also required.

To have your education evaluated by ACSLPA you must provide the following in addition to your completed Application Form:

- Original or certified true copies of degrees, diplomas or certificates. (ACSLPA will retain a copy of and return original documents.)
- Official transcript confirming the date your graduate degree was conferred and verified, along with a signed summary of your clinical practice hours. The documents must be original and must be sent to ACSLPA directly from the issuing institution.
- A handbook, syllabus or calendar that provides a detailed description of your program of study and clinical practicum. Course descriptions should include course objectives and format, and a summary of clinical practice hours.
- Academic credentials assessment obtained from a credentialing agency such as IQAS (International Qualifications Assessment Service).

Note: All documents not written in English must be accompanied by official English translation. Accepted translation forms are available on the ACSLPA website. The cost of translation is your responsibility.

2. Currency

You must provide evidence of currency in the practice of the profession by meeting at least one (1) of the following:

- Graduated from an approved program no more than three (3) years before application,
OR
- Practiced as a speech-language pathologist for at least 1,250 hours in the five (5) years immediately prior to application,
OR
- Successfully completed refresher education courses, approved by ACSLPA, within the past three (3) years.

3. Resumé

Your application must include a current resumé.

4. Good Character and Reputation

Your application must provide evidence of good character and reputation. You can do this by having a Registered Speech-Language Pathologist or recent employer submit a written reference. The Reference Request Form is included in Registration Application Package. You must also provide a satisfactory Police Information Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Check, or equivalent.

5. English Language

The ability to speak and write in English fluently is a requirement. If your first language is not English, you must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking one (1) of the following tests:

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

OR

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

You must contact one of the above testing services to arrange exams. You must pay the test fees.

Examinations

If your academic course and clinical practice hours meet the minimum requirements, you will be referred to write the Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) Certification Examination. The exam is held twice a year and is in English or French. It is a four-hour exam in multiple-choice format.

Conditional Registration

Upon successful completion of the examination, you will be approved for conditional registration with ACSLPA. You must provide the following:

- Registration fee.
- Evidence of holding professional liability insurance coverage for at least one million (\$1 million) dollars.

Conditional registration requires that you practice under the supervision of an approved speech-language pathologist for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks. You are responsible for finding a supervisor and submitting the name to ACSLPA for approval. The supervisor must be registered with ACSLPA and have at least two (2) years clinical work experience and experience supervising students or speech-language pathologists.

When the supervisory period is complete, your supervisor will submit a report to ACSLPA to review. If you meet the requirements, your conditional registration will be changed to a full registration.

Payment

The following fees may apply for internationally educated applicants. All fees are in Canadian dollars. Fees are subject to change. See the specific organization's website for most up-to-date fees.

ACSLPA Fees	
Application Fee	\$150
Registration Fee	\$650
SAC Fees	
Clinical Certification Exam Fee	\$1,050 (for applicants writing at the request of a regulatory body)
IQAS Fees	
Basic Assessment	\$100
Description of Post-Secondary Coursework Assessment	\$200 for one university or college degree PLUS \$75 for each additional degree

Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for speech-language pathologists, according to the Alberta 2013 Wage and Salary survey:

Average hours worked per week	30.9
Average wage per hour	\$48.89
Average salary per year	\$78,690

Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as a Therapist Assistant or Linguist.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Speech-Language Pathologist](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo) (www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

Contact Information

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Edmonton, Alberta T6N 1L6
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Fax: 780-408-3925
E-mail: registration@acslpa.ab.ca
Website: www.acslpa.ab.ca

Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on speech-language pathologist registration visit the ACSLPA website at www.acslpa.ab.ca.

Application Forms and Information:

[Application Form](#)
[Registration Standards and Guidelines](#)
[ACSLPA Fee Schedule](#)
[SAC Fee Schedule](#)

Academic Credentials:

[International Qualifications Assessment Service \(IQAS\)](#)
[World Education Services](#)
[International Credential Evaluation Service \(ICES\)](#)

English Language:

[TOEFL](#)
[IELTS](#)

Examination:

[Clinical Certification Examination](#)