

334A.034 Speech-language pathology assistant -- Scope of practice.

- (1) If the training, supervision, documentation, and planning are appropriate, the following tasks may be delegated to a speech-language pathology assistant:
 - (a) Conduct speech-language and hearing screenings without interpretation following specified screening protocols developed by a speech-language pathologist and audiologist, respectively;
 - (b) Follow documented treatment plans or protocols as prescribed by the supervisor;
 - (c) Document student progress toward meeting established objectives as stated in the treatment plan;
 - (d) Provide direct treatment assistance to identified students under the supervision of the supervisor;
 - (e) Assist with clerical and other related duties as directed by the supervisor;
 - (f) Report to the supervisor about the treatment plan based on a student's performance;
 - (g) Schedule activities, prepare charts, records, graphs, or otherwise display data. This shall not include report generation;
 - (h) Perform simple checks and maintenance of equipment;
 - (i) Participate with the supervisor in research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs;
 - (j) Assist in the development and maintenance of an appropriate schedule for service delivery;
 - (k) Assist in implementing collaborative activities with other professionals;
 - (l) Assist in administering tests for diagnostic evaluations and progress monitoring; and
 - (m) Participate in parent conferences, case conferences, or any interdisciplinary team in consultation with, or in the presence of, the supervisor.
- (2) The following activities shall be outside the scope of practice of the speech-language pathology assistant:
 - (a) Performing any activity which violates the code of ethics promulgated by the board in administrative regulation;
 - (b) Interpreting test results or performing diagnostic evaluations without supervision;
 - (c) Conducting client or family counseling without the recommendation, guidance, and approval of the supervisor;
 - (d) Writing, developing, or modifying a student's individualized treatment plan in any way without the recommendation, guidance, and approval of the supervisor;
 - (e) Treating students without following the individualized treatment plan prepared by the supervisor or without access to supervision;
 - (f) Signing any due process document without the cosignature of the supervisor;

- (g) Selecting or discharging students;
- (h) Disclosing clinical or confidential information, either orally or in writing, to anyone not designated by the supervisor;
- (i) Making referrals for additional services; and
- (j) Representing himself or herself as something other than a speech-language pathology assistant.

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