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### CLINICAL DEFICIENCY PLAN FOR AN ASSISTANT IN AUDIOLOGY (AU) WORKSHEET (Refer to §741.84 Board Rules)

§741.84(f) An applicant who has not acquired the 25 hours of clinical observation and 25 hours of clinical experience referenced in subsection (a)(3) of this section shall not meet the minimum qualifications for the assistant license. These hours must be obtained through an accredited college or university, or through a Clinical Deficiency Plan. **In order to acquire these hours, the applicant shall first obtain the assistant license by submitting the forms, fees, and documentation referenced in §741.112(d) of this title (relating to Required Application Materials) and include the prescribed Clinical Deficiency Plan to acquire the clinical observation and clinical assisting experience hours lacking.**

(1) The licensed audiologist who will provide the applicant with the training to acquire these hours shall submit:

- (A) the supervisory responsibility statement form; and
- (B) the prescribed Clinical Deficiency Plan.

(2) The board office shall evaluate the documentation and fees submitted to determine if the assistant license shall be issued. Additional information or revisions may be required before approval is granted.

#### **REQUIREMENT:**

The applicant for an AU assistant license must meet minimum standards requiring the twenty-five hours of observation and twenty-five hours of clinical assisting experience. It is critical that a licensed AU assistant have clinical experience before being placed in the position of assisting or providing services.

An applicant who did not obtain the 25 hours of clinical observation and/or 25 hours of clinical assisting experience within an educational institution does not meet the requirements for the AU assistant license. The applicant must first attempt to earn the required hours through a university training program. If this is not an option, the applicant must first obtain the AU assistant license in order to acquire the clinical hours within 60 days of issuance of the license.

#### **DEFICIENCY PLAN:**

***OBSERVATION:*** Twenty-five hours of observation must be of actual practice by a licensed Audiologist. The observation should have a preparation period where the AU assistant will be informed of the goals and procedures for each session. A log of observation is required.

***ASSISTING EXPERIENCE:*** Twenty-five hours of clinical assisting experience must include actual treatment experience and must be face-to-face interaction defined or prescribed by the licensed audiology supervisor. **The supervision will be of 100% face-to-face supervision of the sessions with appropriate logs.**

The AU assistant must be provided with experience consistent with the role of assisting the fully licensed professional in the performance of his/her professional role, not of independent function. The AU assistant should have a clear idea of what he/she is licensed to do, and is limited in doing. The AU assistant must understand the ethical and legal responsibilities of an AU assistant defined by the Act and Board Rules.

Clinical observation and clinical assisting experience must be designed and provided by the licensed audiologist (supervisor). **The supervisor must complete and submit the *Supervisory Responsibility Statement for Audiology Assistant Form* to the Board office and receive approval before allowing the AU assistant to acquire the hours.** (Note: The supervisor for an assistant in audiology must be a licensed audiologist in Texas).

The Board may ask for further information or revisions before approving or disapproving the plan.

**(Note: The plan must be approved by Board staff and the applicant's license issued before any observation or clinical assisting experience clock hours may begin.) *There will be no exceptions.***