

(1) ~~Qualify as follows:~~

~~(i) Have earned 60 credits of undergraduate collegiate education and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in a program leading to certification to teach in an area of critical or geographic shortage OR TO PROVIDE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES and be selected by the Office on a competitive basis among qualified applicants based on academic criteria, not limited to standardized tests, established by the State Board of Education; or~~

~~(ii) Have an undergraduate or graduate degree and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical or geographic shortage OR TO PROVIDE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES and be selected among qualified applicants on a competitive basis based on academic criteria established by the State Board of Education; or~~

~~(iii) Persons who are already teachers, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, OR AUDIOLOGISTS shall:~~

~~1. Be nominated by the superintendent of schools of the system in which the person [teaches or intends to teach] IS EMPLOYED OR INTENDS TO BE EMPLOYED; [and]~~

~~2. Enroll as a student in courses required for teacher certification in an academic area in which there is a critical or geographic shortage of teachers, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CERTIFICATION, OR AUDIOLOGY CERTIFICATION; and~~

~~3. Be selected by the Office on a competitive basis among qualified applicants based on criteria established by the State Board of Education;~~

(2) ~~Sign a letter of intent as follows:~~

~~(i) A nondegreed recipient who is not already a teacher, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, OR AUDIOLOGIST shall be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in an undergraduate program necessary for teacher, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, OR AUDIOLOGY education; or~~

~~(ii) A degreed recipient shall enroll in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical or geographic shortage OR TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OR AUDIOLOGY; or~~

~~(iii) A recipient who is already a teacher shall sign a letter of intent to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in a teacher certification program in an area in which there is a critical or geographic shortage of teachers;~~

~~(3) Perform the service obligation upon completion of required studies;~~

~~(4) Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and advance in academic standing at least 1 year in each year in which an award is renewed; and~~