This endorsement authorizes the holder to provide service as a speech-language specialist in all public schools.

To qualify for the Speech Language Specialist Certificate of Eligibility, the candidate must show evidence of meeting the following requirements in either option:

**Option 1**

- Hold a bachelor’s degree in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Be currently matriculated in a master’s program in speech language pathology/communication disorders from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of 18 semester hour graduate credits in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Completion of a graduate clinical/practicum in Speech language pathology/communication disorders

**OR**

**Option 2**

- Hold a bachelor’s degree in an area other than speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Be currently matriculated in a master’s program in speech language pathology/communication disorders from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of 24 semester hour graduate credits in speech language pathology/communication disorders
- Completion of a graduate clinical/practicum in speech language pathology/communication disorders

All study must be completed at a regionally accredited college/university.

**NOTES:**

1) Individuals who held the New Jersey Speech Correctionist endorsement could have served in a position requiring Speech-Language Specialist certification until August 31, 2015, by which date they should have obtained the speech language specialist endorsement or completed a department approved retraining program.

2) Individuals who hold a New Jersey Speech Correctionist endorsement and a master’s degree in speech-language pathology shall be issued the speech language specialist endorsement upon submission of a completed application and required fee.
Fee Requirement
- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment online
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of $70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please email all necessary documentation to certapplication@doe.nj.gov. Electronic transcripts must be sent directly from your university, college, clearinghouse or school. Please include your tracking number in the subject line of all correspondence with our office.

If the above requirements have been met, then you may complete the online application in the Teacher Certification Information System (TCIS).