

DSHA Membership Application

Type of Membership Requested:

Full Associate Student

Name:

Address: (Check preferred mailing address)

Home: _____

Work: _____

Telephone:

Home: () _____

Work: () _____

E-mail: _____

Professional Title: _____

Highest degree: _____

University granting highest degree:

Specialization: SLP Aud Other

ASHA Member: Yes No

CCC: Yes No

Private Practice: Yes No

I do not wish to be included in the DSHA Directory.

Delaware State License: Yes No

Other State Licenses: _____

Application date: _____

Please enclose check to "DSHA" for \$25.00.



www.dsha.org

History

The Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Association (DSHA) was organized in 1950 by “individuals interested in speech therapy”. The Constitution was amended in 1952 to establish DSHA’s affiliation with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). In July 1973, Delaware became one of the early states to pass a licensure bill.

DSHA has grown from a group of fifteen individuals to a membership of over two hundred and fifty professionals who provide diagnostic and intervention services to communicatively challenged children and adults.

Purposes

- To facilitate professional interaction and exchange of information among speech-language pathologist and audiologists.
- To promote a high level of professional standards and services.
- To encourage the study of the processes of human communication.
- To provide continuing education opportunities.
- To encourage the use of a multi-disciplinary approach in the management of communication disorders.
- To disseminate information about communication disorders and available resources to related professionals and the public.
- To represent the profession on legislative, regulatory, and other public issues.

Membership

Full Member: A Full Member shall hold a graduate degree with a major emphasis in

speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech, language or hearing science or a graduate degree and present evidence of active research, interest, and performance in the field of human communication.

Associate Member: An Associate Member shall hold a BS or BA in the field of speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech, language or hearing science or in those related fields who are not eligible for full membership.

Student Member: A Student Member shall be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program with a speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science concentration. Dues *shall be waived* for Student Members.

Life Member: Life Member status may be granted to an Association member, Full or Associate, who has reached the age of sixty-five (65), has retired from professional practice, and has been a member in good standing for eight (8) consecutive years prior to retirement. Dues shall be waived for Life Members.

To apply for DSHA membership, please send your completed application and \$25 dues to:

**DSHA Membership
c/o Patty Pfeifer
62 Beech Hill Drive
Newark, DE 19711**

Additional application forms can be downloaded at www.dsha.org.

Services & Benefits

- Evening meetings, free of charge, which focus on current professional issues.

- Periodic newsletter publications including announcements of upcoming events and opportunities.
- Annual membership directory.
- Reduced registration rates at continuing education workshops and presentations offering opportunities to update professional skills and knowledge.
- Special committees to address concerns and disseminate information regarding issues such as third party payment, services in school settings, licensure, etc.
- Public relations activities including news releases and promotion of the profession to the general public and other professionals.

*DSHA is approved by ASHA to offer Continuing Education Units.

Licensure

Speech, language and hearing professionals employed in Delaware are required to be licensed by the State of Delaware. To obtain information and a license application, contact:

Delaware Board of Professional Regulation
Cannon Building, Suite 203
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Dover, DE 19904
302/744-4500
www.dpr.delaware.gov