



DID YOU KNOW..?

STUDENTS CANNOT USE THE PROTECTED TITLE?

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Students of speech-language pathology and/or audiology must use a title that denotes their student status (see [Position Statement on Supervision of Students of Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology](#), under "Requirements"). Furthermore, to use the title of "student" necessarily implies that that the individual is, in fact, a registered student with an audiology or speech-language pathology program, at the Masters or Doctorate level.

A common misperception exists when graduates from American programs come to Ontario to complete their CFY (Clinical Fellowship Year), which is required for licensure in the US. However, CASLPO does not require a CFY from these graduates in order to be registered in Ontario, *nor* are they considered students. Consequently, they *cannot* obtain positions to complete their CFY *unless* they become registered with CASLPO.

Should an individual use the Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist title without being registered with CASLPO, they would be considered in violation of the *Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act, 1991* and would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law:

Restricted titles

8. (1) No person other than a member shall use the titles "audiologist", "speech-language pathologist" or "speech therapist", a variation or abbreviation or an equivalent in another language. 1991, c. 19, s. 8 (1).

Representations of qualification, etc.

(2) No person other than a member shall hold himself or herself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist or in a specialty of audiology or speech-language pathology. 1991, c. 19, s. 8 (2).

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