

Competencies of the Bulgarian SLP, necessary for the performance of the SLP profession and therapy, in accordance with the different spheres of professional development

Abbreviations:

PA1 – Private practitioner

PA2 – Education

PA3 – Public Health

PA4 – Social Assistance

Note:

Insufficient/ missing competencies, gaps and deficits in skills/ knowledge can be compensated with Continuing Education Courses. CE courses are legitimate, under the following conditions:

- The lecturer is to have a mandatory BSc or MA in SLT
- The education block is no less than 8 hours

Newly graduated Bachelors', Masters', as well as PhD students shall undergo a mandatory supervision twice yearly for the first five years of their practice.

Competencies of the SLP practitioners in Bulgaria exclude educational activities, covering for absent teachers, or assistance in homework activities.

The weekly working hours for the SLP practitioner should be determined, regardless of the area of work and expertise, and should be no less than 35 hours weekly.

The MA students that have their BSc in another academic field are to have mandatory courses covering the missing areas of competence and knowledge, acquired usually in a BSc course of study. These professionals shall not be granted the right of private practice, before acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge and with less than 5 years of general practice.