

To Attain Your ASHA Certification

1. Complete academic coursework and supervised clinical practicum for audiology or speech-language pathology as stated in the "Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence."
2. Receive your graduate degree.
3. Complete the application for membership and certification in black ink. Obtain the signature of your graduate program director in the appropriate areas. The program director's signature will verify that you have met coursework and practicum requirements for certification.
4. Submit the application to the ASHA National Office along with the required dues/fees.
5. Arrange to have an official copy of your graduate transcript sent to the Certification Administration Section of the ASHA National Office. The transcript must indicate the graduate degree and the date it was awarded.
6. Register for the Praxis examination in audiology or speech-language pathology and list ASHA as a score recipient. If you have already taken and passed the exam, request that ETS send a copy of your score to ASHA. Only scores received directly from ETS will be accepted for certification. Additionally, please note that the score you submit for certification must have been taken no more than 5 years prior to receipt of your ASHA certification application. For more information about the exam, visit [ASHA's Praxis Web pages](#).
7. Begin the Clinical Fellowship (CF) experience under the supervision of an ASHA certified supervisor. Prior to beginning the CF, verify your supervisor's current ASHA certification status by contacting the ASHA Action Center. Your supervisor must maintain his or her certification status throughout the CF in order for all of the experience to be accepted.

8. As you begin the CF, review with your supervisor the CF requirements and skills on which you will be evaluated during the CF experience.
9. Contact your state licensing agency to determine their requirements for persons completing the clinical fellowship experience.
10. At the completion of the CF experience, submit the required Clinical Fellowship Report and Rating form signed by both you and your CF supervisor.

Note: As of January 1, 2006, applicants for certification in speech-language pathology (CCC-SLP) **must** apply under the 2005 Standards for Certification in Speech-Language Pathology. Applicants for certification in audiology (CCC-A) may choose to apply under either the 1993 Standards for Certification in Audiology or the 2007 Standards for Certification in Audiology through December 31, 2006. Applications received on or after January 1, 2007, will be evaluated against the 2007 audiology certification standards. Questions about the standards can be directed to the Certification Administration Unit at 800-498-2071 or visit the [New Certification Standards](#) for more information.

To maintain your certification

1. Submit the required annual dues/fees upon receipt of your invoice.
2. Notify the National Office immediately of any change of name, address, or phone number.
3. Participate in continuing professional development over a three year period and submit the required paperwork when notified by the Certification Administration Unit. For specific information visit [certification maintenance](#), or contact the ASHA Action Center at 800-498-2071.

Membership and Certification Application Checklist

Before you mail your membership and certification application, please review this checklist to confirm that you have completed all of the steps in the certification process.

1. Complete all appropriate sections of the application in black ink.
2. Sign the application form.
3. Have your program director sign your application materials to verify that you meet the requirements for certification.
4. Include verification of your graduate degree through submission of an official graduate transcript.
5. List ASHA as a score recipient when you take the exam. Only scores received directly from ETS are accepted for ASHA certification.
6. Complete and enclose the Journal Selection Form.
7. Submit the appropriate fees with this application. The [dues and fees schedule](#) [PDF] is available on the ASHA Web site.
8. Review the *Standards for Certification* to confirm that you meet ALL current requirements for certification.
9. When completing the application form, list all course work in semester hours.
10. Check the appropriate columns for graduate credit, practicum credit, courses with culturally diverse populations, and courses in development and behavior across the life span.
11. Double check all of your calculations for the hours listed in the application's clinical practicum section.
12. Confirm that your clinical practicum experience was obtained in three different settings.
13. Make a copy of the completed application materials to keep for your records. (Originals must be submitted to ASHA.)

Please confirm that your application is complete. To avoid confusion, incomplete applications will be returned and will delay the certification process.

THANK YOU! We look forward to reviewing your application and adding your name to our list of certified audiologists and speech-language pathologists!