

ASHA Certificate Of Clinical Competence:

The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) may be awarded for successful completion of: your master's degree from an ASHA accredited program; the NESPA exam (Praxis II)*; and, the Clinical Fellowship. The Certificate permits the holder to provide independent clinical speech-language and/or audiology services and to supervise clinical practice.

Individuals who hold CCC are required by signature to subscribe to the ASHA Code of Ethics. Please see **Appendix H** for a copy of the ASHA Code of Ethics.

You may obtain an ASHA CCC application from the Department secretary. Carefully read the application and follow all directions for completing the forms. If you have questions, ask your program director for assistance.

For Those Students Graduating Under ASHA's Old Standards:

Individuals graduating with a Master's Degree from an ASHA CAA accredited program will apply under the Major Emphasis Category (Part II. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, in the application.). These individuals **are not** required to complete the academic course work and clinical practicum sections of the application booklet. However, ASHA recommends that you have this information readily available for licensing and other certifications you may need. Your Departmental computer generated Graduate Planned Program and your final ASHA Hours Report are designed in the format ASHA requires for academic course work and clinical hours reporting. You may use this information for subsequent licensing and certification applications if needed.

You must submit your completed application to your program director for endorsement. Completion of Sections 1-6 and 19-21 of the ASHA application are required for all applicants. Sections 19-21 are to be completed by the program director. These sections are found on pages A1, A2, and A9, of the most recent ASHA application. **Please present only these pages when submitting your ASHA application for endorsement.** If three years have elapsed since your date of graduation, the entire ASHA application must be submitted.

Your ASHA application may be signed by your program director during or after successfully completing your graduation audit and after passing your special project or completing a thesis. Please see requirements for your graduation audit under the section "**Preparation for Graduation: The Graduation Audit,**" in this handbook. If all requirements have been met, the program director will endorse the application and RETURN IT TO YOU! Please do not submit a check with your application. The Department will not send your application to ASHA! We will make a copy of your application materials for your file. You are responsible for sending the completed application to ASHA!

ASHA's address, phone #, and web site address are:

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For Those Graduating Under ASHA's New Standards:

ASHA's new standards became effective January 1, 2005. Degree candidates who will complete requirements at the end of the fall, 2004 semester will officially graduate after January 1, 2005 and therefore be required to meet the new standards (There may be a one year grace period for some students. Check with your advisor). ASHA has not yet established the application process or the paperwork which will be used for clinical certification. ASHA's New Standards and Implementation for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology may be found in **Appendix Q**.

The Clinical Fellowship Year:

Arrangements for completion of your Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) are made between you (the Clinical Fellow) and your CFY supervisor, external to Departmental interaction. Carefully read about Fellowship Year requirements in your ASHA application handbook.

*Praxis II Note: The department strongly urges students who fail Praxis II to retake the test in the same academic year. For example, if you fail in the spring, retake the exam in the summer not the fall. The academic year runs from September 1st - August 1st.

New ASHA Clinical Fellowship Requirements for SLP:

Effective January 1, 2005, the below listed item will be required by ASHA for clinical certification. If you will be graduating after 01/01/05 you must meet this new fellowship requirement unless you are being considered under the grace period.

1. You will be expected to complete a Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship that entails a mentoring relationship for the fellow and verification of 36 weeks of successful full-time employment (or its equivalent).