

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence:

The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) is awarded for successful completion of: a master's degree from an ASHA accredited program; the [NESPA exam \(Praxis II\)*](#); and, the [SLP 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 the CCC are required by signature to subscribe to the [ASHA Code of Ethics](#). Also, refer to ASHA's [Standards and Implementation Procedures](#) for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology.

[Recommended Sequence for ASHA Membership and 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 graduate degree.**
3. Complete the [application for membership](#) and certification in black ink. Obtain the signature of the graduate program director in the appropriate areas. The program director's signature will verify that the student has met coursework and practicum requirements for certification. Carefully read the application and follow all directions for completing the form. Pages 1, 2 and the final Director Verification page should be submitted to ASHA. Any questions should be directed to the Program Director.**
4. Submit the application to the ASHA National Office along with the required dues/fees.
5. Arrange to have an official copy of 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 Praxis has already been taken and passed, request that ETS send a copy of score to ASHA. Only scores received directly from ETS will be accepted for certification. Additionally, please note that the score submitted for certification must have been taken no more than 5 years prior to receipt of the 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 the supervisor's current ASHA certification status by contacting the ASHA Action Center. The supervisor must maintain his or her certification status throughout the CF in order for all of the experience to be accepted.

8. At the beginning of the CF, review with the supervisor the CF requirements and skills on which candidate will be evaluated during the CF experience.
9. Contact the appropriate state licensing agency to determine the 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 candidate and CF supervisor.

[The Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship \(SLPCF\):](#)

Arrangements for completion of the SLPCF are made between the Clinical Fellow and the SLPCF supervisor, external to Department interaction. Carefully read about the SLPCF requirements at the ASHA web site.

Clinical fellows are 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).

Contact information:

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
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Rockville, Maryland 20850-3289
800-498-2071
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***Praxis II Note:** The department strongly urges students who fail Praxis II to retake the test in the same academic year. For example, a student who fails the exam in the spring should retake the exam in the summer, not the fall. The academic year runs from September 1st to August 1st.

****The ASHA application may be signed by the Program Director during or after successful completion of the graduation audit and after passing the special project or completing a thesis. Please see requirements for the 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 THE STUDENT. A check should not be submitted with the application. The Department will not send the application to ASHA. The Department will retain a copy of the application materials in the student's file. The student is responsible for sending the completed application to ASHA.**