

ASHA Membership and Certificate of Clinical Competence

Read these two documents from ASHA carefully:

[How to apply for certification in Speech-Language Pathology](#) and

[Recommended Sequence for ASHA Membership and Certification](#)

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](#) (CF). 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.

Application may be made upon completion of the Master's Degree and passing of the Praxis II, however certification will not be awarded prior to completion of the Clinical Fellowship. Because of this, many students prefer to wait until they complete the CF before submitting an application to ASHA. Students who are utilizing the NSSLHA to ASHA conversion have until August 31st of the year *following their graduation* to complete the conversion and benefit from the reduced rate. Students graduating in May or August 2012, for example, have until August 2013 to utilize the NSSLHA/ASHA conversion.

When applying, complete the [application for membership and certification](#). Send pages 1 and 2 to the CMD Graduate Program Director. The Program Director has a copy of the verification page which will be completed and returned to you along with pages 1 and 2 after a copy is made for your file. These three pages should then be submitted to ASHA along with the required dues/fees. If you submit the application to the Program Director after your degree has been awarded, the Program Director will be able to verify on the form that your degree has been awarded and you will not need to send a transcript to ASHA.