

# American Academy of Audiology

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# Who We Are

- The world's largest professional organization of, by, and for audiologists
- Represents approximately 14,000 audiologists.

# American Board of Audiology

- Voluntary credentialing that elevates professional practice and advances patient care
- *ABA Certified* program offers verification of credentials (degree, license, mentored experience)
- Two exam-based specialty certifications
- Two certificate programs

# “*ABA Certified*” Program— Formerly “Board Certified in Audiology”

- Annual certification renewal (**NEW in 2019**)
- **Annual CE requirement: 20 hours**, including 5 Tier 1 hours and 1 Ethics hour annually (Most stringent of any certification or state licensure with the exception of MT)
- **Tier 1 CE requirement:** Intermediate or Advanced instructional level **and** includes interactivity that promotes adult learning

# “ABA Certified” Continued....

- Can apply when license eligible (2018)--
  - Apply for license and certification at same time; must show proof of license within one year
- AAA membership not required for certification

# ABA Specialty Certifications

- Certifications: Exam—Evaluation of Current Level of Knowledge
- *AAA membership not required to sit for exam*
- *ABA certification not required to sit for exam*
  
- *Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC) – Since 2011 – Next exam offered April 1, 2020*
  
- *Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC) – Since 2007 – Maintenance only; new exams not being offered at this time*

# ABA Certificate Programs

- *Certificates: Educational materials provided and candidates are tested on that material.*
- *ABA certification not required; AAA membership not required*
- *Educational materials provided via e-audiology (At completion— candidate receives CE /Tier 1 credit)*
  
- *Certificate Holder – Audiology Preceptor (CH-AP) – over 440 completed since July 2016*
  
- *Certificate Holder – Tinnitus Management (CH-TM) – over 100 completed since July 2018*

# Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE)

- Recognized by CHEA
- Accredits 5 AuD programs + 4 Developing Status programs. Several more programs in the pipeline.
- Rigorous standards – include 51 outcome competencies for graduates
- Seeking recognition by all state boards



# 2019 Academy Activity: State Licensing/Legislation

- CO Sunset Review of Audiology Licensure law—Academy comments
- Academy comments –PA H.B. 811—Clarifying state issued “licensure” vs. private accrediting body “certification”
- State Insurance Mandates for Hearing Aids: Academy drafted NE bill enacted
- ASLP-IC Support (license portability/telepractice)

# Academy Focus: Federal

- The Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act (H.R. 4056/S. 2446)
- Audiologists as “practitioners” (implications for telepractice)
- Remove physician referral requirement

# A Resource for You

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THANK YOU!!