

Revolutionary Thoughts and Credentialing

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Revolutionary Thoughts

- ABA Certification
- Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC)
- Certificates – CH-AP and CH-TM
- Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE)
- Audiology Assistant Position Statement



Advancing Priorities

Ensure ability of audiologists to practice successfully

Ensure audiologists can practice to the top of their license



Credentialing – Accreditation – Guidelines – Resource Documents





ABA Certification

American Board of Audiology® ABA Certified Credential
(Updated 9/15/2021)

Credential Focus	American Board of Audiology (ABA)
Mission	The ABA creates, administers, and promotes rigorous credentialing programs that elevate professional practice and advance patient care. ABA credentials are earned by all leading audiologists, respected by other healthcare providers, and trusted by patients.
Credential designation	American Board of Audiology Certified (ABAC)
Number	1,292 ABA Certified certificants
Minimum degree required for Application for Credential	Doctoral degree in audiology as of January 2007 (Masters degree prior to 2007)
Clinical requirements	Completion of 2,000 hours of mentored direct patient care by a licensed audiologist.
Degree accreditation	The doctoral degree may be granted <u>either</u> by a program accredited through the ACAE or the CAA.





Credential Focus	American Board of Audiology (ABA)
Assessment Process to Determine Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctoral degree in audiology. 2. Completion of 2,000 hours of direct patient care, mentored by a <u>licensed audiologist</u>. (AuD externship hours qualify for this requirement.) <i>The ABA urges AuD students to advocate for themselves, selecting an externship that best fits their career goals.</i> 3. Employment history and professional practice verification. 4. Current valid license to practice audiology. Candidates may apply when license eligible with a copy of their application for licensure; copy of the license must be presented within one year of certification. State licensure presupposes a passing score on the Praxis examination in audiology.
Recertification/Maintenance	ABAC: Twenty (20) hours of continuing education in a one-year cycle, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour of professional ethics • 5 hours are more intensive Tier 1 continuing education
Ethics	Adherence to the ABA Code of Ethics, state licensure/registration regulations for practice of audiology, and 1 hour of continuing education in professional ethics required every 1-year cycle for ABAC and 3 hours every 3-year cycle for CISC and PASC.



PASC at a Glance



- 116 PASC certificants
- Cycle: 3 years, upon successfully passing PASC exam.
- CE Requirements - Sixty (60) hours of continuing education in a three-year cycle, to include:
 - 3 hours of professional ethics
 - 15 hours are more intensive Tier 1 continuing education
 - 30 of 60 hours must pertain to pediatric audiology

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New to PASC



Decentralized Administration

- Implemented due to COVID-19
- Utilized various sites
- Significant increase in registrants

Remote Testing with Live Proctoring

- Implementation spring 2022

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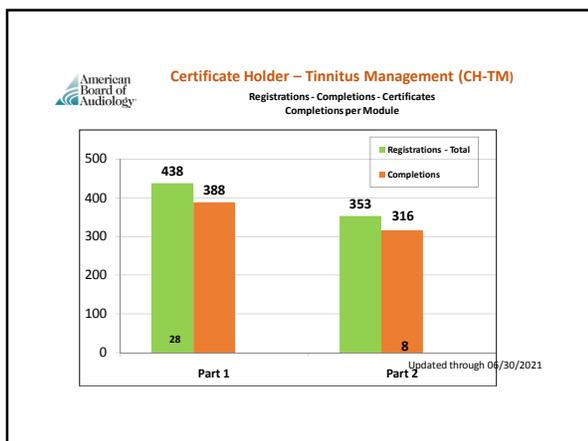
Certificate Holder – Audiology Preceptor (CH-AP)

Total Registrations for Modules I-IV: 656
Total Certificate Holders: 582



As of	Registrations - Total	Completions - Certificate Earned
June 30, 2020	609	510
June 30, 2021	656	582

NEW MODULE COMING FALL 2021! – New content on adult learning, diversity and inclusion, social issues, and student-clinical educator expectations



AuD Program Accreditation

- **Competency-based education**
- **Programs**
 - flexibility to adapt & to innovate
- **ACAE**
 - Virtual and hybrid site visits
 - New accreditation platform

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Audiology Assistants

- **Updated Statement (2021)**
 - defines the role of the audiology assistant in supporting audiologists in the delivery of audiologic services
 - emphasizes importance of audiology assistants
- **“Audiology Assistant”** - a person who, after appropriate training and demonstration of competency, performs duties and responsibilities that are delegated, directed and supervised by an audiologist.
 - Supports the audiologist in performing routine tasks and duties
 - Audiologist is available for the more complex evaluative, diagnostic, management and treatment services that require the education and training of a licensed audiologist.

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Key Points of Position Statement

- Duties and responsibilities delegated only by supervising audiologists – and based on the training, supervision, and specific work setting.
- Supervising audiologist maintains the legal and ethical responsibilities for all activities by AA.
- Consumer needs and protection of the patient must always be paramount.
- Licensed audiologists, by virtue of their education and training, are the only professionals qualified to train and supervise audiology assistants.



Examples of AA Services

Including, but not limited to:

- equipment maintenance
- hearing aid repair
- neonatal hearing screening
- preparation of a patient for electrophysiologic and balance testing
- hearing conservation
- air-conduction hearing procedure
- assisting the audiologist in testing



Licensing of AAs?

- State licensing of audiology assistants not necessary since these individuals should only work under the supervision of a state-licensed audiologist
- It is incumbent upon the audiologist and audiology assistant to know all applicable state licensure laws or regulations and abide by such



Questions



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