



## What does it mean to be an audiologist certified by ASHA?

The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) is the internationally recognized professional credential for audiologists. Professionals who have been awarded the CCC-A have completed a rigorous academic program and a supervised clinical experience and have passed a national examination.

Earning the CCC-A is voluntary—certificate holders work hard to get this credential, and they work hard every day assessing and treating clients with hearing and balance disorders, participating in professional development to stay current in the field, and supervising student clinicians, externs, and clinical fellows who will apply for the CCC-A in the future.

The ASHA CCC-A provides assurances to the public, employers, and colleagues that the certificate holder has the knowledge, skills, and expertise to enter professional practice and to independently provide clinical services. Earning the CCC-A demonstrates your commitment to go beyond the basic requirements for state licensure.

## ASHA Vision

Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

## ASHA Mission

Empowering and supporting speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists by:

- Advocating on behalf of persons with communication and related disorders
- Advancing communication science
- Promoting effective communication

**For more information or to find an audiologist who can make a difference in your life, contact:**



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## CCC-A: An Important Milestone in Your Career



## Why choose ASHA certification?

- ASHA is the nation's leading credentialing association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists.
- ASHA has been the guardian of the professions for more than 75 years, initiated the development of national standards for the professions, and has been certifying professionals for more than 55 years.
- ASHA collaborates with the Educational Testing Service in developing the national examinations for the two professions. No other certification body for these professions can make that claim.
- ASHA's certification standards are based on skills validation studies and practice analyses involving employers, faculty of communication sciences and disorders academic programs, and practitioners in the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.
- ASHA certification is not contingent upon membership in any professional organization.
- ASHA certificate holders abide by a Code of Ethics and demonstrate a commitment to remain current in the field.

## What ASHA certification can do for you

### Employment opportunities and career advancement

Several states and a growing number of school districts throughout the country offer salary supplements to ASHA-certified audiologists (your colleagues who are not certified will not be eligible for a salary supplement, if offered).

Your employer can be confident that you will be reimbursed for your services because many federal programs base their requirements for reimbursement on the ASHA Standards for Clinical Competence.

You are qualified to mentor, supervise, and be a preceptor for audiology students.

## Ease the process of applying for state licensure

When you relocate to another state to practice, you won't be required to provide copies of test scores, academic degree, or your supervised clinical experience.

- ASHA provides verification of certification to state regulatory agencies at no cost.
- Many states use the ASHA Standards for Clinical Competence as a model for their regulatory requirements, so if you hold the CCC-A, you will likely meet the regulatory requirements of your state.

## Professional credibility

ASHA certification verifies that you have met rigorous standards:

- A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited academic program.
- A clinical experience supervised by an ASHA-certified professional.
- A passing score on the national examination.

ASHA certification is voluntary. Employers, regulatory bodies, third-party payers, clients, and peers know that you have chosen to go beyond the minimum requirement of state licensure.

Clients and their families have the assurance that you have the knowledge, skills, and experience to provide high-quality clinical services for them and their family members.

Employers, clients, and peers know that you actively engage in ongoing professional development activities and can be confident that you're keeping up with rapid changes in the profession's scopes of practice.

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*Go beyond your state license. Demonstrate to employers, colleagues, and the public that you are committed to your profession by earning your Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology.*



## You've worked hard to get your ASHA CCC-A; now, the ASHA CCC-A is working for you in the following ways:

- Salary supplements
- Expanded employment opportunities in a variety of settings
- Ease of applying for state licensure
- Employer recognition
- Opportunities for research funding
- A listing in ProSearch (enabling consumers to find ASHA-certified practitioners)