Completing the Clinical Fellowship (CF) Experience

1. Earn a graduate degree from a CAA program
   - Transition from being a student to becoming an independent provider of clinical services.
   - Apply for certification any time before, during, or after your CF experience.

2. Find a CF setting & mentor
   - Ensure the facility is able to provide you with the opportunity to evaluate, habilitate, or rehabilitate individuals with speech and language disorders.
   - Verify online that your mentor holds an active CCC-SLP certification.

3. Contact your State Board
   - Ensure your state is able to provide you with the opportunity to evaluate, habilitate, or rehabilitate individuals with speech and language disorders.
   - Familiarize yourself with your state licensure requirements; licensure and certification are separate!

4. Set Expectations!
   - Establish with your mentor what kind of CF experience you prefer and goals for your CF experience.
   - Know the ASHA Code of Ethics and understand your responsibilities and your mentor's.

5. Fill Out the CF Form Together
   - Confirm your mentor will complete 18 direct hours and 18 indirect hours of observation.
   - Establish with your mentor what kind of CF experience you prefer and goals for your CF experience.
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6. Identify Strengths & Areas for Improvement
   - Focus on areas that need improvement based on feedback from your mentor.
   - Use your mentor as a resource; after all, he or she was once a clinical fellow!

7. Confirm you are on track
   - Participate in feedback sessions with your mentor at the end of each segment of the CF.
   - Complete a minimum of 36 weeks worked, totaling no less than 1,260 hours.

8. Final Feedback Session
   - Mail your CF rating form to ASHA. Note that the CF will not be reviewed until you have applied for certification.
   - Understand that the evaluation and processing of your application for certification will take approximately 6 weeks.

9. Submit Completed SLPCF to ASHA
   - Review the SLPCF Report & Rating forms with your mentor.
   - Document any changes in mentor, setting, or average hours worked per week on a separate form.

10. Confirm with the National Office
    - Earn a rating of “3” or better in the final segment for each of the core skills to qualify for approval by the ASHA National Office.
    - Review the SLPCF form to make sure no areas are left blank and that all information is accurate!
    - Make a copy of the SLPCF form for your records.

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