



What is an audiologist?

An audiologist is the professional who specializes in the diagnosis and nonmedical treatment of hearing and balance disorders. Audiologists specialize in the study of:

- Normal and impaired hearing
- Prevention of hearing loss
- Identification and assessment of hearing and balance problems
- Habilitation or rehabilitation of persons with hearing and balance disorders

Audiologists can test hearing and balance; recommend and fit hearing aids; recommend assistive listening equipment; manage hearing screening programs; provide education regarding the effects of noise on hearing and the prevention of hearing loss; manage cochlear implants; and provide counseling and aural rehabilitation.

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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Why Choose an ASHA-Certified Audiologist



What does it mean if your audiologist is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (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 problems; 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.

What are the benefits of an ASHA-certified audiologist?

- 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.
- ASHA's certification standards are based on input from employers, faculty of audiology academic programs, and practitioners in the profession of audiology.
- ASHA certification is not contingent upon membership in any professional organization.
- The audiologist who has their CCC-A abides by the ASHA Code of Ethics and shares a commitment to remain current in the field.

Audiologists provide services and work in many different types of facilities:

- Private practice
- Medical centers or hospitals
- Public or private schools
- Rehabilitation centers, long-term care facilities, or residential health facilities
- Community clinics or community speech and hearing centers
- Colleges and universities
- Health departments
- State and federal government agencies or hospitals
- Industrial or military hearing conservation programs
- Physicians' offices
- Research laboratories



Professional Credibility

ASHA certification verifies that your audiologist has 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
- The audiologist who obtains their certification has gone beyond their state licensure.
- Your ASHA-certified audiologist has the knowledge, skills, and experience to provide high-quality clinical services for you and your family members.