



What does it mean to be a speech-language pathologist certified by ASHA?

The ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence for Speech-Language Pathologists (CCC-SLP) is the internationally recognized credential for speech-language pathologists. The demanding journey to achieve this voluntary certification (which includes undergoing a rigorous academic program and supervised clinical experience, passing a national exam, and completing an internship) helps ensure that professionals who provide clinical services in speech-language pathology receive the highest quality preparation and training and engage in continuous education in professional development activities to stay current in the field.

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 a speech-language pathologist who can make a difference in your life, contact:



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CCC-SLP: An Important Milestone in Your Career



ASHA's certification standards are based on skills validation studies and practice analyses involving employers, leaders in the discipline of communication sciences and disorders, and practitioners in the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

This certification assures the public, employers, and colleagues that the certificate holder has the knowledge, skills, and experience to independently provide high-quality clinical services in all settings. Earning the CCC-SLP demonstrates your commitment to go beyond basic requirements for state licensure.

Why choose ASHA certification?

- ASHA is the nation's leading professional, credentialing, and scientific organization for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists.
- 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 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 speech-language pathologists (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.

ASHA certification means you are qualified to mentor and supervise clinical fellows.

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-SLP, you will likely meet the regulatory requirements of your state.

As a certified ASHA member, you are part of a network of more than 130,000 speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists committed to providing the highest quality services to, and advocacy for, people with communication disabilities.

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 Speech-Language Pathology.



ASHA is continually working on your behalf with regulatory agencies, associations, and other groups to ensure that your voice is heard. Results of this work can be seen in salary supplements, work site standards, ease of applying for state licensing, and access to research. ASHA is also one of the few associations providing technical assistance to all of its members.

You've worked hard to get your ASHA CCC-SLP; now, the ASHA CCC-SLP 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)