

APPENDIX IV

The Standards for Recognition as a Specialty Area represent the sole criteria to be applied by the CCSR in determining whether an applicant petitioning group will be approved to establish a specialty board.

- Detailed description of how the proposed specialty board intends to comply with each of the Specialist Standards:
- ASHA Certification. Individual practitioners must currently hold the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC).
 - Post-Certification Experience. There must be a specific requirement for post-CCC experience.
 - Education. There must be a provision for documenting specialized preparation that goes beyond the preparation specified to satisfy the requirements for the CCC (e.g., educational programs, specific courses, mentorships, internships).
- Assessment of Knowledge. There must be a mechanism for assessing post-CCC knowledge, skills, and experience of the practitioners in the specialty area (e.g., tests, case presentations, demonstration of skills in the presence of examiners).
- Maintenance and Renewal. There must be a mechanism for renewal as a clinical specialist. Additionally, continuing maintenance of an individual's specialty recognition will be, at all times, contingent upon maintenance of the individual's Certificate(s) of Clinical Competence.
- Documentation of financial viability.
- Appropriate funds exist to support the completion of application process.
- Appropriate funds exist to establish the specialty board.
- Description of the mechanism for monitoring the financial resources of the specialty board.
- Support for no less than one specialty board meeting per year.
- Support for administering the program until membership support is established.
- Long-term financial support of the board.
- Documentation of organizational viability.
- Plans to pursue incorporation status and any other steps which will be taken to establish the Specialty Board as an independent organizational entity, with appropriate liability protection(s) once the Stage II Application has been approved.
- Description of procedures for replacement appointments to the board.