ASHA certified audiologists and SLPs are highly skilled professionals who, at minimum, hold a master’s degree in communication disorders from an accredited program recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. They complete a challenging education and training program, a supervised clinical fellowship or a final year externship, and must pass a nationally standardized examination.

The CCC-A and the CCC-SLP are among the most widely recognized symbols of competency for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. To maintain their CCCs, practitioners must accumulate 30 professional development hours every three years. Individuals holding the CCC are also expected to abide by ASHA’s Code of Ethics.

Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiological treatment, including hearing aids.

SLPs identify, assess, and treat speech, language, swallowing, and cognitive-communication.