

# Completing the 2020 ASHA Clinical Fellowship (CF) Experience

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## EARN A GRADUATE DEGREE

- 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. Thoroughly review the ASHA Certification Standards that are in effect at the time that you apply for certification.

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## 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 that your mentor holds the CCC-SLP.

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## CONTACT YOUR STATE BOARD

- Familiarize yourself with your state licensure requirements; licensure and certification are separate!

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## SET EXPECTATIONS!

- Confirm that each mentor will complete 6 hours of direct and 6 hours of indirect supervision per segment.
- Establish with your mentor what kind of CF experience you are looking for; what do you want out of the CF?
- Know the ASHA Code of Ethics and understand your responsibilities and your mentor's.

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## REVIEW THE CF SKILLS INVENTORY (CFSI)

- Review the CFSI and Guide to the ASHA Clinical Fellowship Experience with your mentor.
- Document any changes in mentor, setting, or average hours worked per week on a separate online CF form.

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## 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!

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## CONFIRM YOU ARE ON TRACK

- The CF experience is a minimum of 36 weeks of full-time clinical work, totaling no less than 1,260 hours.
- Confirm your mentor will complete the minimum hours of direct and indirect observation.
- Participate in feedback sessions with your mentor at the end of each segment of the CF.

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## FINAL FEEDBACK SESSION

- Earn a rating of "2" or better in the final segment for each of the skills to qualify for an approved CF Experience
- Review the CFSI form to make that all skills have been rated and all information is accurate and that all information is accurate!
- Make a copy of the all documentation form for your records.

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## SUBMIT COMPLETED CF EXPERIENCE INFO ONLINE

- Enter your Clinical Fellowship experience information into your online application. Your CF Mentor will receive a notice to log in to verify your experience. Note that the CF will not be reviewed until you have applied for certification.
- Understand that processing your application for certification can take 4 to 6 weeks.

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## CONFIRM WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE

- Begin signing with the CCC-SLP only after you have received written confirmation that your certification has been awarded.
- Continue paying annual dues and fees while you are an applicant in the process for certification.