

February 15, 2022

Jennifer R. Pierce, Executive Director  
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board  
6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1  
Reno, NV 89523

RE: Proposed Continuing Education Regulations

Dear Ms. Pierce:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support the proposed continuing education regulations with amendments.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiologic treatment, including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders. Over 900 ASHA members reside in Nevada.<sup>1</sup>

ASHA supports the language in Section 1. NAC 637B.400 with the following amendments in red:

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 637B.403 and NAC 637B.430, as a prerequisite for each renewal of a standard license or provisional license, a licensee must complete, during the annual period immediately preceding the renewal, at least 10 hours of continuing education approved by the Board that directly pertains to the profession in which he or she holds a license issued by the Board, including at least **1 hour** of continuing education relating to ethics, **and at least 2 hours relating to** cultural competence, cultural humility, culturally responsive practices or diversity, equity and inclusion. If the licensee is a dispensing audiologist, at least 3 of the 10 hours of continuing education must directly relate to the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids.

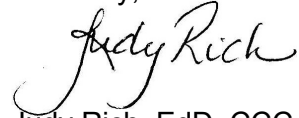
Beginning with ASHA certificate holders in the January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022 maintenance interval, practitioners will be required to complete the following: Out of 30 required professional development hours for certification maintenance, at least 1 hour must be in the area of ethics.

Beginning with certificate holders in the January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025 maintenance interval, practitioners will be required to complete the following: Out of 30 required professional development hours for certification maintenance, at least 2 hours must be in cultural competency, cultural humility, culturally responsive practice, or diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Making these changes will further align Nevada's standards with ASHA's standards.

Thank you for your consideration of ASHA's position to support the proposed regulations with amendments. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Eileen Crowe, ASHA's director of state association relations, at [ecrowe@asha.org](mailto:ecrowe@asha.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Rich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Rich, EdD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL  
2022 ASHA President

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<sup>1</sup> American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2021). *Nevada* [Quick Facts].  
<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/nevada-state-flyer.pdf>.