Completing the 2020 ASHA Clinical Fellowship (CF) Experience

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. CONTACT YOUR STATE BOARD
   - Familiarize yourself with your state licensure requirements; licensure and certification are separate!

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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!

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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