

ASHA's Assistants Certification Program

Coming
Soon

ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATION DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



2017

On November 2, the ASHA Board of Directors voted 14-0 in favor of approving funding and implementation of the Assistants Certification Program



2018

Identify core competencies for assistants: how they acquire needed skills and define their proficiency.



**2019-
2020**

Develop and validate standards and examination questions



2020

Launch the certification program and examination by end of year



*Marketing and promotion of the program will take place each year beginning in 2018



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In 2017 the ASHA Board of Directors voted to move forward with the creation of an **Assistants Certification Program** which will allow audiology assistants and speech-language pathology assistants to become certified practitioners. This program will allow the entire team to practice at the **top of their licenses** and will **positively impact client service delivery** by providing role clarifications.

How will supervisors and assistants benefit from this certification program?

- Certification establishes **nationwide standards** for assistants that will show employers that these standards have been met
- Certification creates guidelines for the scope of practice which will help the team **better understand roles and qualifications**
- The certification process establishes a systematic review and maintenance of **high caliber standards** for assistants
- The assistants credential may be **portable between states and work settings**
- Guidelines for **ethical practice** will be enhanced