

## **American Board of Audiology Accepting Applications for 2014 Specialty Certification Examinations During AudiologyNOW! in Orlando**

*Registration for Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification and Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification Exams -- Deadline Is January 30, 2014*

Reston, VA ([PRWEB](#)) December 02, 2013 -- The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) is now taking applications for its Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) and Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®) examinations, which are scheduled for March 30, 2014, during AudiologyNOW! in Orlando, FL. Interested candidates must apply by January 30, 2014.

Specialty certifications from the ABA are visible acknowledgement of an audiologist's expertise in a specific area. To earn the PASC or the CISC, a candidate must first submit an application verifying professional experience and successful completion of educational requirements.

“AudiologyNOW! is the largest gathering of audiologists in the United States every year, and we look forward to supporting the conference with events and activities, including our specialty certification exams,” said Angela Pond, AuD, chair of the ABA Board of Governors. “Every year, more and more audiologists choose specialty certification, and we look forward to offering another opportunity for them to sit for the examinations in Orlando in March 2014.”

### **PASC**

The PASC testifies to an audiologist's expertise in pediatric audiology and demonstrates to colleagues, other health-care providers, patients, and employers that he or she has acquired a high level of knowledge in the field of pediatric audiology and are the best option for treating children with audio-vestibular disorders and hearing loss.

Successful applicants must then pass a challenging examination that covers seven pediatric audiology knowledge domains: Laws and Regulations, Hearing and Hearing Loss, Child Development, Screening and Assessment Procedures, Counseling, Communication Enhancement Technology, and Habilitation/Rehabilitation Strategies.

### **CISC**

Audiologists who hold the CISC are experts in all areas of cochlear implant knowledge, including expectations, surgical considerations, device operation, and rehabilitation. The CISC was developed to standardize training and knowledge of CI audiologists, elevate professional standards in audiology, and recognize those professionals who have acquired specialized knowledge in the field of cochlear implants. The successful applicant must pass a challenging examination that covers eight cochlear implant knowledge domains: Candidacy Considerations, Counseling/Expectations, Surgical Considerations, Programming Principles/Speech Coding, Device Operation, Troubleshooting, Rehabilitation, and Outcomes.

Once earned, both the PASC and CISC must be renewed every three years through 60 hours of continuing education, 30 of which are specific to the specialty area.

To apply for ABA board certification or a specialty certification, visit



<http://www.americanboardofaudiology.org> or contact Keri Murphy, senior manager of credentialing and compliance, at 703-226-1057 or [kmurphy\(at\)audiology\(dot\)org](mailto:kmurphy(at)audiology(dot)org).

#### About the American Board of Audiology

An autonomous organization, the American Board of Audiology (ABA) is dedicated to enhancing audiological services to the public by promulgating universally recognized standards in professional practice. The ABA encourages audiologists to exceed these prescribed standards, thereby promoting a high level of professional development and ethical practice. To help meet that goal, the ABA administers the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC) and the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC), both of which are voluntary certification programs. These specialty certifications were created by and are administered by ABA-certified audiologists.



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