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## **Applications Now Being Accepted for American Board of Audiology® National Specialty Certification Examinations**

***Early Registration Deadline for Pediatric Audiology and Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification Exams is August 24, 2015***

**(Reston, VA, June 15, 2015)** —The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) is accepting applications for its Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) and Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®) examinations, which are scheduled for October 24, 2015, in Boys Town, NE. Interested candidates can take advantage of **early registration until August 24, 2015**.

National 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.

"We encourage all audiologists who are experts in the areas of pediatric audiology or cochlear implants to sit for one of our specialty exams to demonstrate that expertise and their commitment to patients and to continuing education," said John A. Coverstone, AuD, Board Certified in Audiology®, chair of the ABA Board of Governors.

### **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.

The early registration deadline for the PASC or CISC exam in Boys Town, NE, is August 24, 2015. An additional registration period – with a late fee of \$100 – will be open from August 25 – September 24, 2015. For more information on the PASC or CISC or to register for the fall 2015 exams, visit [www.boardofaudiology.org](http://www.boardofaudiology.org) or email the ABA at [aba@audiology.org](mailto:aba@audiology.org).

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### **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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