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## **Apply to Test for ABA's Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification or Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification**

***Registration deadline: August 5, 2014***

***Late registrations accepted through September 5, 2014***

**(Reston, VA, August 4, 2014)** —The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) is accepting additional applications for its Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) and Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®) examinations to be held October 5 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Regular registration ends at August 5, 2014, and late registration – with an additional \$100 fee – will be open until September 5, 2014.

"The number of audiologists who are seeking the ABA PASC and CISC is growing every year, and we are excited about the opportunity to offer them again in October at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia," said Mindy K. Brudereck, AuD, chair of the ABA Board of Governors. "The PASC and CISC are marks of dedication and expertise and are becoming more recognized by both the industry and by patients. We want to ensure that those interested are aware that they have until September 5 to apply for our fall exams."

### **Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification**

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.

To earn the PASC credential, candidates must meet minimum pediatric audiology professional experience requirements and provide evidence of a graduate degree in audiology. 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. Once an audiologist successfully passes the PASC exam, he or she must renew the certification every three years through 60 hours of continuing education, 30 of which must be specific to pediatric audiology.

### **Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification**

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.

To earn the CISC, a candidate must first submit an application verifying professional experience and education requirements. The successful applicant then 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. Only those who are able to achieve the designated examination score earn the CI credential. Once earned, the certification must be renewed every three years through 60 hours of continuing education, 30 of which must be specific to cochlear implants.

The spring 2015 PASC and CISC exams will take place March 29, 2015, in San Antonio, TX, during AudiologyNOW! For more information regarding the PASC, CISC, Board Certified in Audiology® certification, and the American Board of Audiology, visit [www.boardofaudiology.org](http://www.boardofaudiology.org) or email the ABA at [aba@audiology.org](mailto:aba@audiology.org).

**About the American Board of Audiology® (ABA)**

An autonomous national credentialing organization, the 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.

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