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**Applications Now Being Accepted for Specialty Certification
Examinations at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
*Regular Registration Deadline Is August 5, 2014***

(Reston, VA, July 1, 2014)—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 October 5, 2014, at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Interested candidates must apply by August 5, 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.

"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 Mindy K. Brudereck, AuD, 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 regular registration deadline for the PASC or CISC exam at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is August 5, 2014. Late registration – with an additional fee of \$100 – will be open from August 6 – September 5, 2014. For more information on the PASC or CISC or to register for the fall 2014 exams, visit www.boardofaudiology.org or call the ABA at 1-800-881-5410.

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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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