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## **New Group of Audiologists Achieve Prestigious Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification, Demonstrate Expertise and Knowledge in Field**

**(Reston, VA, July 21, 2014)** — The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) is pleased to announce that a new group of audiologists has successfully passed the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) exam and is now part of the elite group of audiologists who hold the credential. The PASC recognizes audiologists who have acquired specialized knowledge in the field of pediatric audiology, and it enhances the certificant's job performance through exam preparation and recertification and elevates professional standards in the field of pediatric audiology.

Dr. Holle Aungst, PASC, of Orlando, FL; Dr. Samantha Glover, PASC, of Winston-Salem, NC; Dr. Laura Howe, PASC, of Houston, TX; and Dr. Alicia Winston, PASC, of Houston, TX, successfully passed the most recent PASC examination offered by the ABA.

They join the growing cohort of audiologists who hold expertise in the field, according to Mindy K. Brudereck, AuD, Board Certified in Audiology® and chair of the ABA Board of Governors. "We are pleased to welcome Drs. Aungst, Glover, Howe, and Winston to the network of audiologists who hold advanced ABA credentials," Brudereck said. "The PASC is a mark they can display proudly to highlight their education, expertise, and dedication to staying current in the field of pediatric audiology."

The PASC testifies to an audiologist's thorough understanding of what it takes to practice in pediatric audiology today 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 is optimally equipped to treat 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.

The ABA is offering two upcoming opportunities to sit for the PASC examination. The first is on October 5, 2014, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The spring 2015 PASC exam will take place in Orlando, FL, during AudiologyNOW! For more information regarding the PASC, board certification in audiology, and the American Board of Audiology, visit [www.boardofaudiology.org](http://www.boardofaudiology.org) or call the ABA at 800-881-5410.

### **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. To help meet that goal, the ABA administers the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC) and the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC<sup>®</sup>), both of which are voluntary certification programs. These specialty certifications were created by and are administered by ABA-certified audiologists.