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Audiologists Achieve Prestigious Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification; Demonstrate Expertise and Knowledge in Field

(Reston, VA) — The American Board of Audiology® is pleased to announce that six audiologists from across the United States have successfully passed the exam for its Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®). The PASC recognizes audiologists who have acquired specialized knowledge in the field of pediatric audiology, enhances their individual performance through exam preparation and recertification, and elevates professional standards in the field of pediatric audiology.

The elite group of audiologists who hold the PASC is growing, according to Angela Pond, AuD, chair of the American Board of Audiology Board of Governors. “We are pleased to see this group of experts join the group of audiologists who hold the PASC,” said Pond, “It is a mark of professional distinction and reflects an individual’s thorough understanding of what it takes to practice in pediatric audiology in today’s environment.”

The PASC testifies to an audiologist’s expertise in pediatric audiology and demonstrates to colleagues, other healthcare 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.

The most recent successful PASC credential recipients include:

- Lauralyn M. Chetwynd Patterson, AuD - Somerville, MA
- Katie S. Esau, AuD – Laguna Beach, CA
- Diana J. Eshleman, AuD - Cypress, TX
- Ashleigh M. Lewkowitz, AuD - Phoenix, AZ
- Heather M. Strang, AuD - Annandale, VA
- Michelle L. Tejada, AuD - Floresville, TX

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 will offer subsequent examinations in pediatric audiology, as well as cochlear implants, on October 5, 2013, in Cincinnati, OH. To apply for ABA board certification or a specialty certification, visit www.americanboardofaudiology.org or contact Keri Murphy, Senior Manager, Credentialing and Compliance, at 703.226.1057, kmurphy@audiology.org.

About the American Board of Audiology®

An autonomous organization, the ABA is dedicated to enhancing audiologic 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. The Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) is a voluntary certification program administered by audiologists for audiologists by the ABA.