**ASHA’s Assistant Certification Program**

Beginning December 15, 2020, eligible applicants will be able to apply online for ASHA’s audiology assistants and speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs) certification. This certification establishes a standard for assistants and creates a baseline for assistant competency, which may help resolve current variances in regulatory requirements across states. Less variance in regulatory requirements means you have more opportunities for employment!

This certification shows employers that assistants are qualified professionals ready to work with licensed audiologists or SLPs in schools, clinics, private practices, and other work settings. ASHA’s Assistants Certification Program creates a pipeline of qualified professionals, improving access to audiology and speech-language pathology services by enabling audiologists and SLPs to practice at the top of their license.

[Audiology Assistants](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=2ZAc6YT_0wazCXTwBVDZF3fVxE64LWJURZC6giag2oRjwuv2Q55EYfGbF3qMN4pONq_ZHBi0G8lQYiSGwJo7Ug~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~) and Speech-Language Pathology Assistants ([SLPAs](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=4b-LVJeRaEnRvfSzwhbE6hUYL9dzWYRyYhPcFIG4OgNMqieeKKqbLBLtiAffS1cvNMNwrzFoVbfn5WxJP21gmw~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~)) each have three different eligibility pathways to choose from to determine their eligibility and what they need to accomplish prior to becoming certified. To help prepare for the exam, applicants are encouraged to review the handbook for [Audiology Assistants](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=eEP2FZ5_9fmKdexSZ3JGeYjBDsLLPX0b-guTA2cg52-sYKD040jiTxXpq76Y9yCNJT8s2VT_63dpnZ4syF9-HQ~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~) [PDF] or [SLPAs](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=BFGGurkj34nSrET1s_ChoxnWNUsEwXYUfj6oXlfdMTSFiS7scD0WNmqo1MgrjvPFUfh2-xrxzxBgfl6l_lqDcA~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~) [PDF] and be familiar with the exam blueprints for [Audiology Assistants](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=mFAlcyBkW2FJUKsdP8HwGkmzoIsa20Mu-l38X2rG8u0BcJ1FLwNpoFTXMuBFyKBv7CIjpURGG_JcOKEADBgtMQ~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~) [PDF] or [SLPAs](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=xFAV-z5AJrNjp0efMjSVJDFf_4KHRySEBle_2sOqXoKnCByPfRdkeG3XgoxBy1T9hnFsylYoHnG9Ck0qkoEYlg~~&t=K-BoHqOOiXBGIQXbBDWltg~~) [PDF].

Visit [ASHA Assistants](http://send.asha.org/link.cfm?r=MV5tGdX-MGIH534pO_RItQ~~&pe=JkwctBOHtueUxq1SagpkURPyXuUE-hnZ98Un48H0dRLpLlIeVwAzJ_kBflyzaEWbgtb2yNKhDOsiZ94h8jRIgw~~&t=OfFfTzns35FHDW-1U_Cysw~~) to learn more about how this certification can help meet the growing demand for services.