

# AB-AAC Speciality Certification

Quarterly Newsletter September 2022

## Annual Board Meeting

The AB-AAC Board held our annual board meeting on August 22nd. A fun and productive “virtual” meeting was held resulting in major advancements and progress towards the finalization of the certification process.

Ad hoc committee chairs for the manual, portfolio, and clinical practice analysis study provided updated reports and debriefing on their committee happenings. Preparations for the ASHA presentation were started. Future timelines were discussed to keep with our pace for project completion.

We are grateful to the work of our volunteers and survey participants as their input and feedback is essential in shaping this certification.

Applications are anticipated to begin in 2024.

## Clinical Practice Analysis Survey

The practice analysis survey has been sent out this summer. We are excited as data roles in to evaluate our AAC domains and Competencies. The survey ends October 1st and analysis of results will begin.

## Mentorship

Our mentorship committee has begun meeting to outline the process of support for incoming applicants.

## Upcoming Presentations

Please come visit us at ASHA we are presenting, AB-AAC: The Future of Speciality Certification in AAC, on Friday November 18th, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

## Research Corner

An article recently published in the American Journal of Speech Language Pathology titled “Black Children with Developmental Disabilities Receive Less Augmentative and Alternative Communication Intervention Than Their White Peers: Preliminary Evidence of Racial Disparities From a Secondary Data Analysis” by Pope, Light and Franklin shares new information on this important topic.

[https://pubs.asha.org/doi/epdf/10.1044/2022\\_AJSLP-22-00079](https://pubs.asha.org/doi/epdf/10.1044/2022_AJSLP-22-00079)