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ATiA 2023 CONFERENCE

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March 23, 2016
AB-AAC
SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION
aacspecialist.org

AB-AAC: The Future of Specialty Certification in AAC!

American Board of Augmentative and Alternative Communication
February 3, 2023 from 8:30-9:30 AM

GENERAL INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE

- The AB-AAC received ASHA funding through grant applications to:
  - organize resources,
  - conduct the clinical practice analysis study
  - offer AAC specialty certification
- IRB approval for the clinical practice analysis study
  - Psychometrician analyzing data
  - Results will be published.
- AB-AAC Board Members are chairing ad hoc committees, based on the volunteer database
- Updates will be provided via the website https://aacspecialist.org

CCSC (COMMITTEE ON CLINICAL SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION) ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARDS

- Annual reporting of active and petitioning Boards
- Collegial, collaborative relationship among Board members and ASHA staff
- Boards have a shared common goal to promote quality and advance practice
- New ASHA **Community Site** for Board members
- ASHA convention activity – involvement of Boards
- Continuing education – activity of Boards
- ASHA promotion of specialty certification – building awareness and excitement in future

SPECIALTY PRACTICE SURVEY OVERVIEW

- Completed survey responses are in the hands of the pyschometrician for analysis
- Accepting additional surveys until February 10, 2023.
- Ad Hoc committee will meet to review data results
- Test question committee will meet after domains and competencies have been validated in February/March 2023

INTERESTED IN COMPLETING THE SURVEY?

Complete the survey link request Google Form!

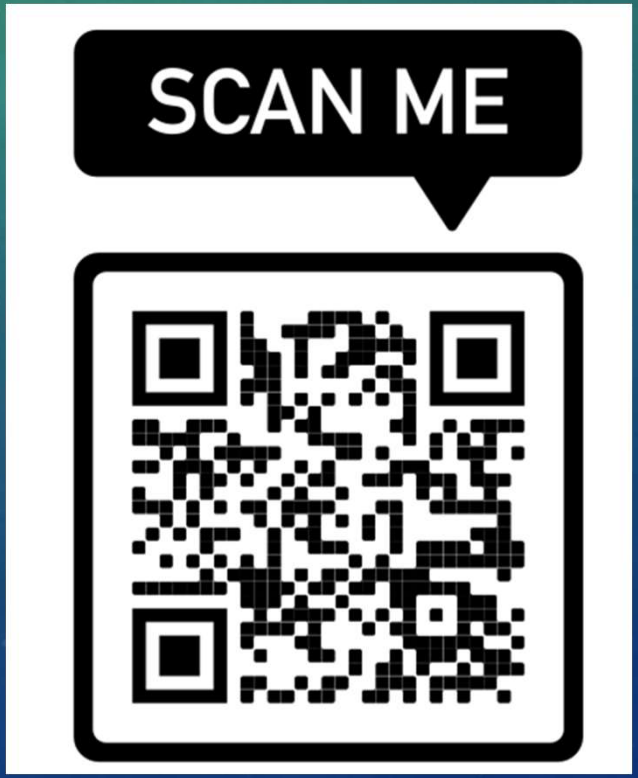
Access the Google Form by:

- Scanning the QR code

OR

- Visiting the URL below

https://rb.gy/vowkni



OPERATIONS MANUAL OBJECTIVES

Work Group is Developed

- Volunteers contacted
- Meetings scheduled

Writing assignment

- Distribute writing of different sections
- Schedule regular meetings
- Monitor, progress and editing

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1. Compile Manual
2. Obtain approval from CFCC
3. Upload to website

OPERATIONS MANUAL CONTENT

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- INTRODUCTION
- MEMBERSHIP
- APPLICATION PROCESS
- EXAMINATION
- MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL OF APPLICATION

OPERATIONS MANUAL CONTENT

6. Governance and Board Members
7. Procedures
8. Standing committees
9. Fiscal responsibilities
10. Appeals
11. Appendices

WEBSITE

https://aacspecialist.org

CENTRAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION

- Mission statement
- Quarterly newsletter
- Presentation handouts
- Information responding to questions from other organizations
- Information on board members
- Frequently asked questions
- Contact Us

COMING ONLINE STARTING 2024…INCLUDING

ONLINE EXAM

MEMBER DIRECTORY

RESOURCES

Grand
opening
2024

MENTORING PROGRAM

- The initial committee is defining the Mentoring Program
- This is the last committee to be totally formalized.
- The AB-AAC will do this immediately before we kick off the application process.
- This part of the program is not to develop knowledge and skills.
- The purpose of the program is to assist individuals in preparing their intent and application packet.

SLP STEPS IN APPLICATION PROCESS

- Go to the website to download the application
- SLP's should review the requirements prior to submission
  - Download forms from website
    - Clinical hour form
    - Letters of recommendation
    - CE transcript
    - Application
    - CV/resume
- Collect and upload application and artifacts
  - Feedback from the CCSC and Psychometrician resulted in transitioning from portfolio process to collection of artifacts integrated into application process.
- Application reviewed by committee
- Approved applicants will sign up for testing slot
  - 1st cohort will pay application fee, however, exam fee will be waived as this will be the standardizing cohort

WHO QUALIFIES?

- Clinically Praciticing SLP's
- SLP's working for manufacurers can apply for AAC specialty Certification
- Clinical supervisors/Clinical instructors

APPLICATION

- Clinical hour form
  - 5 years of AAC experience
  - 300 hours of AAC contact for the year prior to application
- Letters of recommendation
  - 3 letters of recommendation (sources may be Supervisors, SLP's, Faculty, Stakeholders)
- CE Transcript
  - Intermediate to advanced level ASHA CEU's
  - College level credits
  - 2.0 of the 3.0 required by ASHA must be in AAC
    - From a minimum of 3 different ASHA CEU providers
    - AAC ethics course provided by AB-AAC
  - CEU's should align with core competencies
- Application
  - Basic demographics
- CV
- Artifacts
  - For example, a redacted report, Plan of Care

WHEN?

- May/June
  - Initial cohort applications submitted
- July/August
  - Initial cohort applications are being reviewed and approved
- Fall/Winter
  - Approved applicants will take the exam to standardize
- 2024
  - AAC Specialty Certification starts and awarded to the 1st cohort
- By ASHA 2024
  - Rolling application process and exam will be available

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HEY YOU! THANK YOU!
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