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

- Volunteers contacted
- Meetings scheduled

Work Group is Developed

Writing assignment

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

2. Obtain approval from CFCC
3. Upload to website
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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
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 Practicing SLP’s
- SLP’s working for manufacturers 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 1\textsuperscript{st} cohort

● By ASHA 2024
  ○ Rolling application process and exam will be available
HEY YOU! THANK YOU!