

AB-AAC Speciality Certification

Quarterly Newsletter February 2023

Speciality Certification in 2023!!!!

The AB-AAC Board has officially announced that the first cohort of applicants will begin in Late Spring/Summer of 2023. Applications will be reviewed and those meeting the certification criterion will be approved for administration of the first AB-AAC exam, tentatively scheduled for late fall. Those individuals will be used to standardize the examination.

The first cohort will be awarded board certification in early 2024. At that time the full application process will go live and interested SLP's will be able to apply on a rolling basis.

Who's eligible for Cohort 1?

Individuals with ASHA SLP-CCC's who are currently treating patients with complex communication needs. Future cohorts will expand applicants to allow for clinical supervisors, SLP's working for AAC manufacturers, and SLP's working in the field of AAC as consultants/trainers.

<https://www.aacspecialist.org/>

Clinical Practice Analysis Survey

Our clinical practice analysis survey was completed February 10th, 2023 and data collected is currently being analyzed by the psychometrician and reviewed with the test writing committee. Data will be submitted and disseminated as a publication once the exam has been standardized.

Committee Meetings

AB-AAC Ad Hoc committees are working hard on application/artifact development, finalization of the manual, the exam, and mentorship.

Presentations

The AB-AAC board presented at ATIA 2023. Progress and tentative 2023 milestones were shared. This presentation is posted on our website.

Research Corner

Visual Scene Displays for Children and Adults: Using Case Studies to Bridge Research and Practice, written by David Hajjar and Kathleen Mulkerin explores the use of visual scenes for emerging communicators as well as adult aphasics. Analysis of research and case studies demonstrate that additional research is needed to further explore development of implementation and integration into current dynamic device designs.

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