



# CF/RPE FLOW CHART FOR CREDENTIALING, CERTIFICATION, LICENSURE

## CREDENTIALS FOR SCHOOLS (CTC)

Early in your graduate program, ask your advisor if you qualify for a CA Preliminary Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential upon program completion. If YES, follow this column. If NO, consider applying for a Clear Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential after you have received your license and CCCs.\*\*

One month before graduation check with your school's credentialing specialist on the process to begin the preliminary credential application.

Complete your first year of work as an SLP.

When you receive your license, update your credential through the CTC to a Clear Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential. [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)

Your credential will be mailed to you. There are no continuing education requirements to maintain this credential. The CTC does not send renewal notices. Make a note to renew your credential every 5 years. If it lapses, the credentialing requirements may change.



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## CERTIFICATION (ASHA)

Begin the ASHA application after you graduate. [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org). Double check that your supervisor is in good standing and has taken the required supervision coursework.

Contact your graduate program and request completion of page 4 of your ASHA Certification application.

Submit application, transcripts, and fee to ASHA. [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Meet with your CF Mentor.

Complete your CF year. Make sure that your supervisor completes the CF Evaluation at each 3rd of your CF Year. (every 3 months)

Submit your completed segment documents to ASHA. [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

**Congratulations!** Your Certificate of Clinical Competence will be mailed to you. Begin tracking CEUs.



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## CA LICENSURE (SLPAB)

Contact your grad school to send your verification forms to the SLPAB.

Submit your application for temporary license once you have a job and an RPE Mentor. [www.speechandhearing.ca.gov](http://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov) The application can be submitted up to 75 days before graduation.

Meet with your RPE mentor after verifying their license at [www.speechandhearing.ca.gov](http://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov)

Complete your RPE year.

Apply for your permanent license. Verification will show online first.

**Congratulations!** Your California Speech Pathologist License will be mailed

Once licensed, you are now eligible for a Clear Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential in California through the CTC. Consider applying immediately upon notification of your license to maximize your employment options.



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**Credential** - Typically required to work in a CA school, and is reciprocal in many states.

**ASHA Certification** - National certification as a speech pathologist, and can be recognized in other countries.

**License** - Required for all non-school sites in California. Can be reciprocal to other states.

It is strongly recommended that clinicians new to the field obtain and maintain all three to maximize future employment options.

\*\*If trained out of state refer to [Summary of Certificaton/License Requirements in California Job Settings](#).