

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. www.ctc.ca.gov

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

Your credential will be mailed to you. There are no continuing education requirements to maintain this credential. Make a note to renew your credential every 5 years. If it lapses, the credentialing requirements may change.



Scan for link to SLP Services Credential

CERTIFICATION (ASHA)

You may begin the ASHA application after you graduate. [Take the quiz](#) to maximize special discounts. [Review this checklist](#) for important tips.

[Review the rules of Clinical Fellowship and verify supervisor eligibility.](#) Organize your hours tracking and feedback methods.

Meet with your supervisor at 3 equal intervals to [complete your CF Skills Inventory](#) and discuss progress.

Complete the required hours for your CF.

[Submit your remaining documentation](#) on the ASHA portal. Your supervisor will receive a verification request.

Congratulations! Your Certificate of Clinical Competence will be mailed to you!

Any course eligible for CA licensing CEUs satisfies ASHA CEU rules. However, completion dates are different. Record your dates for both.



Scan for information about ASHA Certification

CA LICENSURE (SLPAB)

Effective September 2022, graduates may [Apply Simply for the preliminary license online.](#)

You may submit your application for a temporary license once you have a job and an RPE Mentor. 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

Complete your RPE year.

Apply for your permanent license. Verification will [show online first.](#)

Congratulations! Your California Speech Pathologist License will be mailed. Review CEU requirements and note date due.

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.



Scan for link to licensing application

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 Certification/License Requirements in CA Job Settings.](#)