

## **Specialty Certification in Child Language and Language Disorders Application for Retired Status**

**Retired Status** is available to Board Certified Specialists in Child Language Disorders (BCS-CL) who meet the requirements listed below. Retired Status allows you to remain affiliated with the American Board of Child Language and Language Disorders (ABCLLD) and append BCS-CL (Retired) designation to your name. If approved, you will no longer be required to meet certification maintenance professional development requirements. In addition, Retired Status results in reduction in annual fees.

**This document signifies that I am applying for the following three status updates with the ABCLLD:**

- 1. Retiring my status as Board Certified Specialist in Child Language and Language Disorders (BCS-CL);**
- 2. Changing my Specialty Certification status to Board Certified Specialist in Child Language and Language Disorders (Retired) or BCS-CL (Retired);**
- 3. Continuing my affiliation with the ABCLLD.**

**My signature below certifies that I understand that I am changing my status as a BCS-CL and that I meet or agree to all of the following requirements:**

1. I am age 65 **OR** have held the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) for a total of 25 years;
2. I have held status as BCS-CL (or a combination of BCS-CL and prior Board Recognized Specialist in Child Language – BRS-CL) for a minimum of the past 10 consecutive years;
3. I have retired from clinical practice and have changed my ASHA certification status to CCC-SLP (Retired) or CCC-A (Retired);
4. I will continue to abide by the current Code of Ethics of ASHA;
5. I will cease using the designation BCS-CL and will replace it with the new designation BCS-CL (Retired) upon approval of my retirement status by the ABCLLD;
6. My BCS-CL (Retired) Status may be made available to the public;
7. The BCS-CL (Retired) Status is contingent upon payment of annual Retired Status membership fees upon receipt of the annual invoice;
8. If I decide to reinstate my original status as BCS-CL, I must reapply for the status of Board Certified Specialist in Child Language and Language Disorders. My application will then be subject to reinstatement procedures current at that time, which may include completing and documenting professional development hours and resubmitting the application portfolio;
9. I am responsible to submit any change in my contact information to the ABCLLD office.

Signature:

Date:

Current address:

Current phone:

Current email address:

**To submit: Print, complete and submit via email to the Board Administrator at  
[ABCLLDInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ABCLLDInfo@gmail.com).**