

## **Transition Plan for CE Requirement for Board Certified Specialists in Child Language**

As part of the transition from Specialty Recognition to Specialty Certification, ASHA's Council for Clinical Certification's (CFCC) Committee on Clinical Specialty Certification (CCSC) has established minimum standards for obtaining and maintaining certification as a Board Certified Specialist (BCS). Renewal of the specialty certification now requires maintenance of the individual's CCC, documented evidence of a minimum of 100 hours per year of direct and/or indirect clinical contact hours in the area of specialization, and 10 CEUs (100 contact hours) at the intermediate or advanced level over the five-year renewal period in the area of specialty certification.

Based on these new requirements, three changes have been made to the continuing education requirement for renewal of specialty certification in child language and language disorders:

- The number of hours required has been increased from the previous amount of three CEUs (30 hours) over the six years prior to renewal to 10 CEUs (100 hours) over the five years prior to renewal;
- While the majority of continuing education must be specific to child language and language disorders, a specified number of hours may be related to child language and language disorders (e.g., cognition, executive functioning, genetics, counseling, other related disorders);
- CEUs may be from more than one source (e.g., workshops, webinars, journals, DVDs).

This change is effective January 1, 2016. To allow for this transition, the increase will be phased in over six years, with the full amount of CEUs required for renewals beginning in 2021. The rationale for this transition plan is threefold: (1) specialists cannot increase the amount of CEUs they accrued prior to 2016; (2) the previous requirement of 30 hours over six years averaged to five hours per year; and (3) the new requirement of 100 hours over five years averages to 20 hours per year. Using those averages, the new renewal requirements are as follows:

Year of renewal	No. of years with avg. of five hrs./yr.	No. of years with avg. of 20 hrs./yr.	Total CE hrs. required for renewal	Min. no. of hrs. specific to child language	Max no. of hrs. related to child language
2016	5 (2011–2015)	0	25	20	5
2017	4 (2012–2015)	1 (2016)	40	35	5
2018	3 (2013–2015)	2 (2016–2017)	55	45	10
2019	2 (2014–2015)	3 (2016–2018)	70	55	15
2020	1 (2015)	4 (2016–2019)	85	70	15
2021	0	5 (2016–2020)	100	80	20