

# HOW TO BECOME an Audiology Assistant

## WHAT IS AN AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANT?



An audiology assistant is support personnel who, after appropriate training and demonstration of competency, performs delegated tasks that are prescribed, directed, and supervised by a certified and/or licensed audiologist.

An audiology assistant may have the opportunity to work in a variety of settings, including schools, clinics, private practice, Veterans Administration (VA) facilities, and military bases, as determined by state laws and regulations.

## WHAT IS ASHA CERTIFICATION?

- ASHA Assistants certification is a national, voluntary professional credential that you can obtain after meeting the eligibility requirements and passing the ASHA national exam.
- The ASHA Certified Audiology Assistant (C-AA) designation is not interchangeable with state licensing laws or regulations and does not automatically qualify you for licensure.
- Learn more about the [ASHA Assistants Certification Program](#), or email [assistants@asha.org](mailto:assistants@asha.org).

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## WHAT IS STATE LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION?



- Obtaining state licensure or registration allows you to work as an audiology assistant. State licensure and registration are granted by the state licensing entity.
  - Requirements vary by state—[check the ASHA State-by-State webpage](#) for your state’s requirements and click on “support personnel” for an overview, including contact information for each licensing entity.
  - Not all states utilize and regulate audiology assistants—and some states regulate them only for certain settings.
- If you are still unsure about the requirements, please contact your state licensing entity. If you still need further clarification about licensure requirements, reach out to your [ASHA state liaison](#) for more information.

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- Determine what education or degree your state A state may require one or more of the following:
  - a high school diploma or equivalent
  - a college degree
  - a bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Determine whether your state requires supervised training or fieldwork experience.
- Determine whether there are any other requirements.

Most audiology assistants are trained by a licensed and/or certified audiologist or other licensed professional on the various tasks that an assistant may perform—rather than undergoing a formal academic program.



### RESOURCES:

**ASHA State-by-State Guide**—includes contact information for your state licensing entity, state Department of Education, and state speech-language and hearing associations.

**ASHA Scope of Practice for Audiology Assistants** provides recommendations for the roles and responsibilities that an audiology assistant can perform. Note that the Scope of Practice does not supersede any legislation or regulation, including existing state licensure laws, nor does it affect the interpretation or implementation of such laws.