

**Comparison of ASHA Requirements for Certification Maintenance Hours  
with Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (LBESPA)  
Continuing Education (CE) Requirements**

| <b>ASHA Certification Maintenance</b>   | <b>LBESPA Continuing Education</b>  |
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| <p><u>30 Certification Maintenance Hours (CMHs) of professional development during each 3-year certification maintenance interval;</u><br/>           CMHs can be reported in a variety of units: 0.1 ASHA CEU=1 CMH, 1 ASHA CEU=10 CMH, 1 contact hour (60 minutes)=1 CMH, 1 quarter hour=10 CMHs, 1 semester hour=15 CMHs</p> | <p><u>10 clock hours annually</u> (applicable to the practice of audiology and/or speech-language pathology; 5 must be directly related to the scope of practice of the licensee and must be designed to increase the knowledge and skills in the area of licensure and 5 may be related to the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology that increase the knowledge and skills pertinent to practice. Related examples include: billing; coding and reimbursement; record keeping; ethics and supervision.</p> |
| <p>All ASHA CEU activities accepted; however ASHA CEUs are not required.*</p>   | <p>All ASHA CEU activities that are directly in the area of communication disorders are acceptable.</p>   |
| <p>Employer-sponsored in-service or other continuing education activities accepted*</p>   | <p>Employer-sponsored in-service activities that are directly in the area of communication disorders are acceptable.</p>  |
| <p>College or university course work offered by regionally accredited institutions*</p>   | <p>3 semester hours or 6 quarter hours submitted annually</p>   |
| <p>Courses offered by any provider authorized by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET)*</p>   | <p>LBESPA does not recognize IACET in its regulations. IACET authorized providers may be acceptable if in accordance with CE regulations as specified in <i>Rule 127</i>. of the <i>Rules and Regulations</i>.</p>  |
| <p>ASHA accepts, without pre-approval, professional development workshops sponsored by professional associations and organizations, colleges/universities, etc.**</p>   | <p>LBESPA accepts workshops directly in the area of communication disorders sponsored by professional associations and organizations and several other activities without pre-approval.</p>   |

\* Activities which are within the Scope of Practice in Audiology or the Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology must be selected. The Clinical Certification (maintenance) Standards give the certificate holder the responsibility to select professional development activities which result in the acquisition of new knowledge and skills, or the enhancement of current knowledge and skills necessary for independent practice of any area of the professions and in any practice setting. Professional development activities are further defined as: activities in which the content is related to the science or contemporary practice of audiology, speech-language pathology, or the speech/language/hearing sciences; the knowledge and skills learned are appropriate, relevant and meaningful to any area of practice and practice setting; and the certificate holder's attendance can be documented by a third party (e.g., employer, sponsoring organization).

\*\*Pre-approval is not required for the purpose of maintaining the CCC's. Only ASHA CEUs will be maintained on the ASHA CE Registry; all other activities must be documented by the individual certificate holder and must include a certificate of attendance/completion (or copy of college transcript)/supporting documentation that confirms the title of the activity, name of the sponsor for the activity, name of the participant, date and number of contact hours, etc. Activity content must meet the ASHA Clinical Certification Standards definition of professional development.

Questions regarding requirements for maintenance of CCC's should be directed to ASHA at [certification@asha.org](mailto:certification@asha.org). Additional information can be obtained at <http://www.asha.org/Certification/maintain-ccc.htm>. This chart was developed by LBESPA to help licensees compare ASHA requirements with continuing education regulations in Louisiana.

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