

Doctor of Audiology Program Re-accreditation Announcement

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) will be completing a site visit to the Doctor of Audiology program for the purpose of re-accreditation on February 18-19, 2016. A Public Meeting will be held on Thursday February 18, 2016 from 4:30-5:00 pm in the Ziff Health Care Center building, 3rd floor, room 4366.

The CAA is a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As part of the CAA's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), the agency is encouraged to develop a method for allowing public input about the accreditation process and about graduate education programs prior to final decision by the CAA. Accordingly, individuals who wish to provide input about a CAA-accredited program seeking reaccreditation may do so in two ways: (1) submitting written comments prior to the accreditation site visit in accordance with the procedures specified below or (2) attending and providing comments at a public meeting during the program's scheduled site visit. All comments provided must: 1) relate to a program's compliance with the published Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Standards) in effect at the time comments are submitted, and 2) identify the specific program seeking reaccreditation with the CAA. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered, and the individual or group commenting will be so notified.

Comments Submitted Prior to the Site Visit

Individuals who wish to submit written testimony must adhere to the following procedures:

- All comments about education programs are due in the Accreditation Office no later than 15 days before the
 first day of the scheduled site visit. Comments received after this time will not be forwarded to the site visit
 team for consideration during the accreditation review.
- All written testimony—including comments faxed or submitted as e-mail attachments—must include the commenter's name, address and telephone contact information and the commenter's relationship to the program in order for Accreditation staff to verify the source of the testimony. All comments must be signed.

Comments should be submitted to:

Accreditation Public Comment, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, accreditation@asha.org, Fax: 301-296-8570

A copy of the Standards for Accreditation and/or the CAA's Policy on Public Comment may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Office at ASHA, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, calling ASHA's Action Center at 1-800-498-2071, or accessing the documents online at www.asha.org/academic/accreditation

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