

### **Provisional Certification for Externs**

Certification is a voluntary process whereby a professional body certifies an audiologist's professional skills and competency. Certification also indicates that the certified audiologist adheres to the denoting body's Code of Ethics.

Once Au.D. status is obtained, certification can be sought through The American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) and the American Board of Audiology (ABA). The ABA also offers specialty certification denoting specialized knowledge in a unique subject matter for cochlear implants and is developing a specialty certification for pediatrics.

The ABA offers provisional certification to fourth year doctoral students who have completed their classroom based coursework. ABA Provisional Certification indicates the student's commitment to professional development and the profession of audiology. There is no cost to the student in obtaining ABA provisional certification. Provisional certification streamlines the process to full ABA certification.

More information about obtaining ABA provisional certification as well as the application can be found on the ABA's website:

[www.americanboardofaudiology.org](http://www.americanboardofaudiology.org)

### **Provisional Licensure for Florida Externs**

Licensure is currently required in all fifty states. Licensure laws vary by state and are determined by the governor and the legislative body of the state. Some states, including Florida, allow for provisional licensing of fourth year students. In order to obtain a provisional license, fourth year students must complete an application and provide necessary documents the Florida Department of Health. Required documents include Verification of Employment Form, an official transcript, verification of the completion of an HIV/AIDS course, and verification of completion of medical errors course. There is a \$180 fee that must be included with application materials. Having a provisional license streamlines the process to full licensure upon the completion of the externship year. The application can be found at: [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/speech/sa\\_lic\\_req.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/speech/sa_lic_req.html)