

# ASHA Clinical Fellowship Year Cheat Sheet



## Considerations Before Starting

- After completing all graduate coursework and clinical practicums, apply for ASHA certification at any time before, during, or after your CF year.
- Verify if your state requires licensure for CF practice and apply for state licensure.
- Find a CF Mentor who holds and maintains **active ASHA certification**, has completed minimum **9 months** of full-time clinical experience post-certification, and has completed **2 hours** of professional development in supervision.
- Different mentors may be used if needed.
- CF must be completed within 48 months of beginning CF.



## Time and Hours Requirements

- Complete minimum **36 weeks** of work.
- Accumulate minimum **1,260 hours** total.
- Work at least **5 hours per week**.
- Complete **three segments** of supervision, each a minimum of **12 weeks**.

### Hours That Count

- ✓ All activities within ASHA's Scope of Practice Direct patient/client services
- ✓ Documentation, treatment planning, and report writing
- ✓ Assessments and evaluations
- ✓ Consultation activities
- ✓ Professional meetings related to cases

### Hours That DON'T Count

- ✗ Travel time
- ✗ Lunch breaks
- ✗ Vacations or holidays
- ✗ Leaves of absence
- ✗ Administrative meetings unrelated to patient care



## Requirements

- Minimum **6 hours direct supervision and 6 hours indirect supervision** per segment, totaling a minimum of **18 hours each supervision type** throughout CF experience.
- Regular feedback sessions with mentor at **end of each CF segment**.
- Complete CF Skills Inventory and track supervision hours for each segment.
- Earn rating of **“2” or better** in final segment for each core skill.
- Once requirements are met, complete online application, submit required paperwork, and pay dues.



## Professional Development During CF

- Network with other professionals in the field or join organizations of interest.
- Participate in continuing education to develop skills during CF year. AbleNet’s ableU program offers a variety of free live and on-demand webinars.
- Consider specialty areas of interest for future practice. Check out the webinars below based on your interests:
  - **AAC:** The First Steps After Getting a New AAC Device: Setting Up for Success
  - **AAC Funding:** Getting Started: Funding A Speech Device with AbleNet
  - **Speech Sound Disorders:** Key Points in Apraxia Therapy
  - **Autism:** Neurodiversity Affirming Goals that Freakin’ Rock for Autistic Kids
  - **Feeding:** Helping Picky Eaters: 5 Levels of Food Exposure
  - **Literacy:** Incorporating Comprehensive Literacy Instruction into AAC Intervention
  - **And more!**

*This checklist is based on ASHA’s current standards. Always verify requirements directly with ASHA and your state licensing board, as requirements may change.*