



SIG 11, Administration and Supervision

CFCC COVID-19 Tele Allowances

Dear Colleagues:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are facing an unprecedented situation that is affecting the ability for clinical services to be provided on site and in person with clients and patients as required by the 2020 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Certification Standards. This situation extends to the ability for graduate student clinicians and Clinical Fellows to be physically present with clients/patients.

The Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CFCC) understands these concerns and, therefore, is providing an allowance for the use of telepractice and telesupervision for graduate student clinicians in CAA-accredited programs and for Clinical Fellows between March 16, 2020, and April 30, 2020, as described below:

- Graduate student clinicians enrolled in CAA-accredited programs can engage in service delivery through telepractice when the clinical educator provides 100% direct supervision of the sessions in real time, either side-by-side with the student or with the student, the clinical educator, and the client/patient in different locations. This allowance is for both audiology and speech-language pathology programs.
- Clinical Fellows may utilize telepractice provided an appropriately credentialed speech-language pathologist is available to assist in a similar manner to the supervision/assistance that is provided when services are delivered face-to-face. In addition, (1) the Clinical Fellow, the supervisor/Clinical Fellowship (CF) mentor, and the client/patient/student must all currently reside in the United States, and (2) the Clinical Fellow, the supervisor, and the CF mentor must be appropriately credentialed to provide services both in the state they reside and in the state(s) that they provide services.
- Telesupervision may be used for direct, on-site, and in-person observations of Clinical Fellows by the CF mentor(s) for a segment of the CF experience that occurs between March 16, 2020, and April 30, 2020. As a reminder, a minimum of six hours of direct observations are required per segment (one-third of the CF experience) and up to six hours may be completed in one day.

In all cases, clinical educators and CF mentors must meet the requirements as outlined in the 2020 Certification Standards. Additionally, all clinical educators, graduate students, Clinical Fellows, and CF mentors must ensure that telepractice and telesupervision are completed in accordance with HIPAA, FERPA, and prevailing local, state, and/or federal regulations. The CFCC will continue to monitor this fluid situation and will modify this allowance, if warranted.

Please contact certification@asha.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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