

September - Perfect Time for a Reset!



Click the image - hope it makes you smile!

We have all been through so much over the past 20 months! ACSLPA is looking at September as our time to rejuvenate and reset!

The office is OPEN!! We are at our desks and here to assist members and the public. Call us, send us an email, or drop by the office for a tour!

We are excited for all the new projects we are working on! There are so many opportunities for members so get involved, get engaged and move forward with the College.

Contact us to find out how you can join a committee, give us feedback or other ways to get involved with the College. We are here for you.

Staff Arrivals and Departures

There have been a few staff changes around the ACSLPA office since the beginning of 2021. Here is a quick update on the changes:

In February and March, two new staff members joined the ACSLPA team:

- McKenzie Henze (they/them), Administrative Assistant.

Mckenzie works as a support to the all staff members. They also post to ACSLPA's social media accounts, and

- Melanie Sicotte (she/her), Director of Operations and Projects.

Melanie is a regulated speech-language pathologist. With her commerce degree, she helps steward the financial, infrastructure and technical, human resources, and communications operations of the College, while coordinating specific College projects.

In July and August, ACSLPA said goodbye to:

- Len Stelmaschuk, Director of Complaints and Professional Conduct, and
- Sandy Nickel, Director of Professional Practice.

We wish them all the best as they journey forward in their careers.

As we take time to examine our organizational needs before posting permanent positions, we would like to announce that on an interim basis the following new team members are joining our team:

- Jennifer Galarneau (she/her), Interim Complaints Director, and
- Sharia Ali (she/her), Interim SLP Practice Advisor (starting September 7).

ACSLPA staff is always here to help our members, give us a call!

ACSLPA Insights

The Alberta College of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. It says right in the name that ACSLPA is a college, but we don't offer the typical college experience of classes and degrees that might come to mind. ACSLPA is a regulatory college, but what does that mean?

To read the entire article, [click here](#) ...

2022 Jurisprudence and External Feedback Requirements



If you have been receiving emails about Jurisprudence or External Feedback, it is time to sign into your profile and complete these tasks.

Returning to Work After a Leave of Absence

If you are returning from a maternity leave or another leave of absence and currently hold Non-Practicing status, please remember to change your registration status to Registered (General) **prior** to your first day at work.

To change your status, login to your account in our online system and click "Reinstate". Make the appropriate changes and click submit. After your reinstatement has been approved, you will receive an email instructing you to pay the outstanding invoice. Please allow at least one week for processing your status change.

Remember that under the *Health Professions Act (HPA)* it is illegal and an offence for a person to work or volunteer as an SLP or audiologist in Alberta until such time that they are registered with ACSLPA and have a practice permit.

Make Your Voice Heard! Vote Now for ACSLPA Council

Check your email, your invitation to vote in the ACSLPA 2022 Council Election was sent to all members, at noon, Monday, August 23.

All registered members, practicing and non-practicing, should have received an email on Monday August 23 at noon with a unique access key which can only be used to vote once. Your voting choices will remain anonymous. Do not forward or reply to your email to vote, as your vote will not be registered.

Before you vote, ensure you have all the information you need to make informed choices. A brief profile and photo of each nominee is included on the ballot. If you prefer to review the complete nominee information sheet which includes answers to a series of questions posed to each candidate, visit the following link: [2022 ACSLPA Candidate for Member of Council](#).

University Resources and Research Studies

University of Lethbridge

The Collaborative Health Research institute of Southern Alberta (CHRISA) is the newest institute at the University of Lethbridge.

They are currently seeking to engage with health service providers to develop opportunities for transdisciplinary research between researchers, service providers, policymakers, patients, community members and organizations to address important health related questions.

If you are interested in connecting with CHRISA members to discuss and develop solutions to existing health-related problems, or if you would like to find out more information, please [click here](#) to complete the form.

University of Alberta

The U of A is conducting a research project to learn more about how accurate online speech and language assessments are. [Click here](#) for info to share with parents who might be interested in having their children participate.

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