

Standard Area 3.0

Continuing Competence Program



3.1 Continuing Competence

Standard

A **regulated member** of ACSLPA who is on the **general register** and who has been issued an **active practice permit** maintains their **competence** to practice and meets the requirements of the Continuing Competence Program.¹

Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- a) Participate in appropriate learning activities to maintain their competence to practice, and where necessary, acquire and/or enhance their competence in new areas of practice.
- b) If unable or lacking the competencies to provide safe and competent services, limit their practice until the necessary competencies have been obtained (e.g., obtaining professional development in the form of coursework or supervision, or developing a learning plan that identifies and targets specific areas of learning).
- c) Successfully participate in the ACSLPA CCP provided for in the Standards of Practice and in the **Continuing Competence Program Manual**.

Expected Outcomes

Clients can expect that the regulated member is competent to provide quality professional services.

Active practice permit refers to “a practice permit issued to a regulated member under Part 2 of the *Health Professions Act*.”

Client refers to “a recipient of speech-language pathology or audiology services, and may be an individual, family, group, community or population.” An individual client may also be referred to as a patient.

Competence refers to “the combined knowledge, skills, attitudes and judgement required to provide professional services.”

Competence Committee refers to “a committee established by the Council that consists of no fewer than 3 regulated members in accordance with section 10 of the *Health Professions Act*.”

Continuing Competence Program Manual refers to “a supplementary policy document that consolidates the pertinent details necessary for regulated members and the public to understand the Continuing Competence Program, how it is administered by ACSLPA, and what is required of regulated members to participate fully in the program.”

General register refers to “the speech-language pathologists’ general register and the audiologists’ general register established by the ACSLPA Council under section 33(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.”

Professional services refers to “all actions and activities of a regulated member in the context of professional practice.”

Registrar refers to “the registrar of the College, appointed by the Council for the purposes of the *Health Professions Act* in accordance with section 8 of the Act.”

Regulated member refers to “an individual who is registered with ACSLPA in any of the regulated categories of membership prescribed by *ACSLPA Bylaws*, the *Health Professions Act* and our *Regulations*.”

¹ The **Continuing Competence Program Standard of Practice** applies only to individuals on the general register who hold an active practice permit, meaning applicants, regulated members who do not hold an active practice permit, and individuals on the courtesy register, are exempt from the requirements of the Continuing Competence Program.