

With the first spring breeze in Alberta often comes clinical placements for graduate students studying speech-language pathology and audiology. Though ACSLPA does not register students during their studies nor clinical placements, the college supports students as they near graduation and prepare to become regulated members.

ACSLPA most frequently hears about the student experience from regulated members who are supervising clinical placements. Student clinicians are not registered with ACSLPA, so they must be supervised by regulated members while on placement. Members of ACSLPA have professional liability insurance (PLI) which typically covers them as they supervise student clinicians. If a regulated member has questions about their PLI, they can contact their insurance provider. To support regulated members who are supervising a clinical placement, ACSLPA has a [standard of practice related to clinical supervision](#).

ACSLPA visits the University of Alberta each spring to speak to graduate students in speech-language pathology about professionalism. These presentations are focused on the fundamentals of regulation, as well as information related to professional ethics, standards of practice, complaints and conduct, and tips for a smooth registration process upon their graduation. As students approach the end of their program, and have the documents needed for their registration, they can start their application process online at acslpa.ca. All applicants to ACSLPA must begin this application process themselves, it is not initiated by university programs. Once an application is complete, ACSLPA staff are then able to begin the process of reviewing the submission. Processing applications takes a minimum of 1-2 weeks for graduates of Canadian accredited universities.

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Recent graduates from a Canadian accredited program who are not yet registered with another SLP/audiology body in Canada need to provide the following to apply for registration with ACSLPA:

- a completed registration and practice permit application form
- official transcripts
- evidence of professional liability insurance
- evidence of English language proficiency (if required)
- a police information check
- a written reference; and,
- payment of the application and registration fee