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14 Audiologists Obtain Prestigious Specialty Certification in Pediatric Audiology

(Reston, VA) — The American Board of Audiology® is pleased to announce the 14 audiologists who recently obtained the Specialty Certification in Pediatric Audiology (PASC) credential.

Class of April 2012

Amal Ghabril Awdeh, Aud — Boston, MA

Kenneth A. Bodkin, AuD — West Nyack, NY

Amy Catanzaro, AuD — Williamsburg, MA

Stacy D. Claycomb, AuD — Aurora, CO

Patricia E. Connelly, PhD — Mahwah, NJ

Cheryl A. Edwards, AuD — Ashland, MA

Susan M. Gibbons, AuD — Boston, MA

Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD — Jessup, PA

Barbara A. Morris, AuD — Greenfield, MA

Cynthia L. Nulton, MA — Norwich, VT

Erin V. Pospychala, MS — Wilmot, NH

Georgette Schroeder, MS — Bensenville, IL

Gail M. Whitelaw, PhD — Columbus, OH

Karen D. Willson, AuD — Bedford, MA

To earn the PASC credential, candidates must first submit an application satisfying professional experience and education requirements. Successful applicants must next pass a challenging examination that covers seven pediatric audiology knowledge domains: Laws and Regulations, Hearing and Hearing Loss, Child Development, Screening and Assessment Procedures, Counseling, Communication Enhancement Technology, and Habilitation/Rehabilitation Strategies. Only those who are able to achieve the passing examination score earn the PASC credential. Once earned, the certification must be renewed every three years through 60 hours of continuing education, 30 of which must be specific to pediatric audiology.

Launched in 2011, the PASC was developed to elevate professional standards in pediatric audiology, enhance individual performance, and recognize those professionals who have acquired specialized knowledge in the field of pediatric audiology. An esteemed group of pediatric audiologists served as subject matter experts and worked in conjunction with a nationally recognized measurement consulting firm, Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO), to develop the new specialty program under the auspices of the American Board of Audiology®.

“The PASC is a mark of professional distinction and reflects an individual’s thorough understanding of what it takes to practice in pediatric audiology in today’s environment,” said Gail Whitelaw, Chair of the American Board of Audiology. “These individuals are to be commended for their commitment to the audiology profession and their drive to continue to pursue knowledge needed to make them effective pediatric audiologists in their practices.”

The ABA will offer subsequent examinations in pediatric audiology as well as the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification on October 13, 2012, in Denver, CO and April 7, 2013, in Anaheim, CA. To apply for ABA board certification or a specialty certification, visit www.americanboardofaudiology.org or contact Keri Murphy, Senior Manager, Certification, at 703.226.1057, kmurphy@audiology.org.

About the American Board of Audiology®

The American Board of Audiology® (ABA), an autonomous organization, is dedicated to enhancing audiologic services to the public by promulgating universally recognized standards in professional practice. The ABA encourages audiologists to exceed these prescribed standards, thereby promoting a high level of professional development and ethical practice. The Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC) is a voluntary certification program administered by audiologists for audiologists by the ABA.