

## General Information Regarding Initial LSL Certification

**Completed and accepted LSL Registry Enrollment application** (which requires essential personal and demographic information and provision of documentation related to that professional's education/degrees), one professional letter of reference and a letter of commitment from a certified LSL professional who has agreed to be the candidate's mentor: <https://agbellacademy.org/certification/lsl-registry/>.

**Professional university degree (minimum of bachelor's degree or equivalent)** that allows a professional to practice in one of the following fields: Audiology, Deaf Education, or Speech-Language Pathology.

**Professional license or credential** that allows a professional to practice with children and others (if required in that professional's location).

**Selection of which designation will be pursued**—either LSL Cert. AVT or LSL Cert. AVEd—and a signed commitment to the [Principles of the LSL AVT or the LSL AVEd practice](#) (whichever one has been selected as the designation of pursuit).

**Professional continuing education** that totals, at least, 80 hours. Forty (40) of these hours can be obtained prior to the beginning of the certification process.

**Observation of 10 sessions** provided by one or more certified LSL professionals and completion of the Academy's related documentation.

**Provision and documentation of direct LSL services** with children who are learning to listen and talk and developing LSL as their primary mode of communication. Professionals must provide **900 hours of LSL services** during their certification period (for a minimum of 36 continuous months and up to 72 months). Most of these hours should be with children who are infants, toddlers or preschoolers and whose families are participating in parent coaching. Up to 10 percent of these hours can be with adult clients who are receiving services after obtaining a new cochlear implant or other hearing device(s). Some hours of indirect services (e.g., parent groups, audiology appointments or meetings related to a child) can be counted towards the total number of hours.

**Ongoing mentoring during the certification process** by one or more certified LSL professionals for a total of 20 LSL sessions led by the candidate. These sessions may be observed either live or via video by a mentor, and feedback must be provided on the Academy's approved form (F-1) for each of the mentored sessions.

**A formal, self-written description of the candidate's LSL practice** (completed near the end of the 36- to 72-month certification period).

**Professional letters of recommendation** provided by two (2) professionals familiar with the candidate's work related to direct and/or indirect LSL services.

**Parent letters of recommendation** from two (2) parents whose children have received direct LSL services from the candidate.

**Passing score on the LSL Certification Examination** (provided in English and Spanish). The candidate can choose to take the exam, once ready, at any point during the certification process, provided that the candidate has applied and been accepted into the LSL Registry.