

## Ten Benefits to the Professional who Earns LSL Certification and Utilizes the Credential

1. **Acknowledgement of competence** due to the specialized knowledge and skills set of LSL and related areas (e.g., parent coaching) by parents and other professionals. A recent Academy survey found that 90% of certified LSL professionals sought certification to improve the services they provided to children and families.
2. Listing of the LSL Cert. AVT or LSL Cert. AVEEd credential following your name helps parents, professionals and society **identify you as a professional who knows how to teach LSL to children who are deaf or hard of hearing.**
3. **Promotion of you as a certified LSL professional** in the “Locate an LSL Directory” on the Academy’s website, which could lead to new opportunities.
4. **New opportunity** for employment or promotion to higher positions.
5. **Possibility of** pay increase (depending on employer), other compensation or **recognition for your exceptional knowledge and skills.**
6. **Personal thrill and pride** of knowing you have succeeded at what you may consider one of your life goals—to reach a high level of happiness and meaning in your work and to know that you and your work directly impacts and changes the lives of others!
7. **Professional satisfaction** of having achieved one of your long-term professional goals—becoming a certified LSL professional/LSL Cert. AVT/LSL Cert. AVEEd.
8. **Increased opportunity to participate** in your field through invited presentations and appointments to committees, task forces and boards.
9. **Giving back** by becoming a **mentor** to aspiring professionals in the future or contributing **financial support or other supports** to aspiring LSL professionals.
10. **Networking** in the larger professional world through **participation and connection to the worldwide community of certified LSL professionals.**