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Using Your Protected Professional Designation The Right Way

ACSLPA members frequently list their degree, provincial registered designation and any applicable certification designation(s) following their name. On occasion, an ACSLPA member may ask, “How should I write my registered and professional designations?” or “What should I put with my signature or on my business card?”. Here is the answer....

If you are on the General Register or Courtesy Register of ACSLPA and hold a valid practice permit, you may list your degree (which is optional), then your provincial registered designation, and then any applicable certification designation(s). Each designation should be clearly separated.

For example, if you choose to include your degree:

J. Doe, MSc, R.SLP, S-LP(C)
J. Doe, MSc, R.SLP, CCC-SLP
J. Doe, MSc, R.SLP, S-LP(C), CCC-SLP

J. Doe, MSc, R.Aud, Aud(C)
J. Doe, MSc, R.Aud, CCC-A
J. Doe, MSc, R.Aud, Aud(C), CCC-A

If you choose to omit your degree:

J. Doe, R.SLP, S-LP(C)
J. Doe, R.SLP, CCC-SLP
J. Doe, R.SLP, S-LP(C), CCC-SLP

J. Doe, R.Aud, Aud(C)
J. Doe, R.Aud, CCC-A
J. Doe, R.Aud, Aud(C), CCC-A

Provincial Registered Designation

The provincial registered designations and titles that may be used by registered members of ACSLPA are protected in legislation, as outlined in Section 128 and Schedule 28 of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) and Section 18 of the *Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Profession Regulation*. They are as follows:

Speech-Language Pathologist Protected Titles and Registered Designations

- Speech-language pathologist
- Speech therapist
- Speech pathologist
- SLP
- R.SLP (**NOTE:** Capital letters, no spaces, one period)

Audiologist Protected Titles and Registered Designations

- Audiologist
- Aud
- R.Aud (**NOTE:** *Capital and lower case letters, no spaces, one period*)

It is important that education credentials or certification designations are not combined with the provincial registered designation. The provincial registered designations are stated and protected in legislation; they may not be altered and must be separate from other credentials.

ACSLPA members who are non-practicing or who have honorary status may not use provincial registered designations.

It is also important to remember that provincial registered designations are unique to each province and are not portable. Registration in one province does not mean that the title may be used or that one may work in another province.

NOTE: ACSLPA members who have earned an AuD or a doctoral degree can find additional information regarding how to state their degree and provincial registered designation in the ACSLPA Guideline “Use of the Protected Title “Doctor” When Providing a Health Service”; this document is available on the ACSLPA website.

Certification Designations

Many ACSLPA members have a certification designation, such as that from Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Certified SAC members may use the clinical certificate designation of S-LP(C) or Aud(C). For further information about the SAC Clinical Certification Program, please visit: <http://sac-oac.ca/membership-certification/sac-clinical-certification> .

Certified ASHA members may use the Certificate of Clinical Competence designation of CCC-SLP or CCC-A. For more information about the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence certification, please visit: <http://www.asha.org/certification/>.

ACSLPA members should be aware that membership with SAC or ASHA does not mean that an individual is certified. The SAC Clinical Certification Program and the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence certification are voluntary programs; only those who have completed the program requirements may use the applicable designations.

If you have any questions about using your registered designation, please feel free to contact the ACSLPA office.