

Board Certified Specialists Who Are Retired From Practice

Effective December 31, 2015: A Board Certified Specialist in Child Language and Language Disorders who is retired from practice (not providing or supervising the provision of clinical services) may qualify to change Active specialty certification status to BCS-CL (Retired). Retired Status allows for continued affiliation with the American Board of Child Language and Language Disorders (ABCLLD), appending the BCS-CL (Retired) designation to one's name. If Retired Status is approved, the requirement for certification maintenance professional development will be discontinued. In addition, Retired Status results in a reduction in annual dues.

Retired specialty certification in child language and language disorders is available to specialists who

- (a) have retired from practice,
- (b) have held Specialty Certification in Child Language and Language Disorders (or Specialty Recognition in Child Language) for at least the past 10 consecutive years,
- (c) either have held CCC-SLP for at least 25 total years *or* are 65 years of age or older, and
- (d) have retired their CCC-SLP and now hold CCC-SLP (Retired).

NOTE: If an individual holds Retired Status in Specialty Certification in Child Language and wishes to return to Active Status, reinstatement will be subject to reinstatement procedures current at that time. This may include completing professional development hours and resubmitting the application portfolio.

To apply for Retired Specialty Certification Status, please complete and submit the XXX Form.