

Policy Category:	Policy Title:	Policy #:
Quality Assurance & Professional Practice	Reserved Titles & Credentials	POL-QA-01
Regulation Bylaw Reference:		HPA Reference:
Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation: Section 3		
Authorization:	Date Approved:	Last Revised:
CSHBC Board	September 11, 2015	December 2, 2022

PURPOSE

To outline the reserved titles or abbreviations of a title that can be used by a registrant including designations for certified practice.

To outline the permissible practice descriptions and preferred areas of practice.

To outline the format for indicating certifications issued by an agency, association, or program other than the College.

SCOPE

All CSHBC registrants.

POLICY

Use of Reserved Titles:

In accordance with Bylaw 154(1) and Section 3 of the Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation, registrants may use the following reserved titles and/or abbreviations:

- **“Registered Audiologist” or “RAUD”**
- **“Registered Audiologist (Conditional)” or “RAUD (Conditional)”**
- **“Registered Audiologist (Non-practising)” or “RAUD (Non-practising)”**

- **“Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner” or “RHIP”**
- **“Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (Conditional)” or “RHIP (Conditional)”**
- **“Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (Non-practising)” or “RHIP (Non-practising)”**

- **“Registered Speech-Language Pathologist” or “RSLP”¹**
- **“Registered Speech-Language Pathologist (Conditional)” or “RSLP (Conditional)”**
- **“Registered Speech-Language Pathologist (Non-practising)” or “RSLP (Non-practising)”**

¹ Or “Registered Speech Therapist” or “RST”.

Use of the word “Registered” is not mandatory.

Full registrants do not need any further clarification of their title or abbreviation.

Registrants who are registered in more than one profession may use all the titles (or abbreviations) which apply to them (e.g., “RAUD, RHIP”).

Indicators for various registration classifications other than Full Registrant:

- **Conditional** registrants may use their reserved titles with “(Conditional)” after the title;
- **Non-practising** registrants may use their reserved title with “(Non-practising)” after the title;
- **Temporary** registrants may use their reserved title with “(Temporary)” after the title.

Practice Descriptions / Preferred Areas of Practice:

A registrant may list the areas of practice they are competent to provide, including specific techniques in which the registrant has been trained.

A Registrant may also specify specific types of communication disorders or age groups they prefer to work with (e.g., preschool communication disorders).

Registrants may state that a specific service, technique, or problem is a “preferred area of practice” using that or similar phrasing.

A registrant may not list a service, technique, or disorder that falls outside the scope of practice of that registrant.

Additional Credentials:

1. Agency & Association Certifications:

Certifications issued by an agency, professional association, or program other than the College, may be noted below the registrant’s name. For example:

**[NAME], Degree, RSLP, SLP(C), CCC-SLP, RAUD, Aud(C), CCC-Aud, RHIP
Certified in Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology by SAC, ASHA, etc.
Certified by BCHIS (National Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences)**

2. Advanced & Doctorate Degrees:

In written communication, the prefix ‘Dr.’ may only be used preceding the registrant’s name where the appropriate doctoral degree is also shown. For example:

Dr. [NAME], PhD or Aud D, RSLP/RAUD/RHIP

In verbal introductions and communications, which occur in an academic, educational, or professional setting, registrants may only use the prefix “Dr” in those instances where there is not a likelihood of

misunderstanding the registrant's profession. In all other verbal communication especially in a clinical setting with clients and families, registrant's must state their degree in conjunction with the prefix "Dr". For example:

"I am [NAME], Doctor of Audiology."

3. Certified Practice:

A registrant may apply for and be granted a Certified Practice (CP) certificate. The criteria and core competencies are contained in the CSHBC Certification Programs. Holders of CP certificates may use the applicable designation(s) that they have been granted. The list of certificates by profession includes:

Registered Audiologist (RAUD) Certificates:

- A: Vestibular Assessment & Management**
- B: Cochlear Implant Assessment & Management**
- C: Cerumen Assessment & Management**

Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (RHIP) Certificates:

- C: Cerumen Assessment & Management**
- D: Hearing Instrument Dispensing Services for Children Ages 12 to 16**

Registered Speech-Language Pathologist (RSLP) Certificates:

- E: Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Voice & Swallowing (FEEVS) for Adults**
- G: Tracheoesophageal Voice Protheses Assessment & Management**
- H: Communication & Swallowing Assessment & Management for Tracheostomy**
- I: Videofluoroscopic Assessment & Management of Adult Swallowing Disorders**
- J: Videofluoroscopic Assessment & Management of Paediatric Disorders**
- K: Management of Airway Secretions**

These certifications may be added below the registrant's name, degree, and registration status. For example:

**[NAME], Degree, RSLP/RST/RAUD/RHIP,
Certified in Cerumen Assessment & Management**

Registrants are expected to update their professional documents (e.g. business cards) as soon as possible following any changes to their title, classification or credentials.



CSHBC RELATED DOCUMENTS

Certified Practice & Above Entry Level Practice (SOP-PROF-06)

Unique & Shared Scope of Practice (SOP-PROF-03)