



# American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders

## Mission Statement

The AB-SSD exists to safeguard and advance the care of individuals with feeding and swallowing disorders, across the lifespan, by professional certification of SLPs that demonstrate excellence through continuing education, integrated clinical practice, mentorship, research, teaching, and leadership.



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Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (BCS-S)

**Do you...**

Possess advanced skills in swallowing and swallowing disorders?

**And want to...**

- Add value for consumers, administrators and yourself?
- Continue to grow professionally?
- Have physicians and colleagues recognize your advanced skills?

**Become a Board Certified Specialist  
Swallowing & Swallowing Disorders**



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## Why consider applying?

- Let consumers know that you have advanced skills in swallowing and swallowing disorders
- Let your facility know that you are a valuable employee
- Prove to yourself that you really are an advanced practitioner



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### Requirements for applying

- 7.5 CEUs/75 hours in dysphagia in three years prior to application
- Clinical hours (see tracks) with patients with dysphagia
- Letters of recommendation
- Demonstration of excellence in at least two of these areas:
  - ◆ Education/Mentorship
  - ◆ Leadership
  - ◆ Scholarship/Research



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## Two tracks:

- Clinical
  - ◆ 350 clock hours/year in each of last three years
- Administrative/Academic
  - ◆ 100 clock hours/year in each of last three years

## Mentorship:

We can assign a mentor who can discuss your qualifications and answer your questions. The mentor can also review your application before you submit it.

To request a mentor, contact us at

[www.swallowingdisorders.org](http://www.swallowingdisorders.org)

# Learn About the Benefits of Becoming BCS-S

For more information on Specialty Certification, Mentorship and Continuing Education programs, go to [www.swallowingdisorders.org](http://www.swallowingdisorders.org)



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