

Hello alumni, students, community partners, and interested members of the public! Many blessings from the faculty and staff of the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program at California Baptist University (CBU).

As you may know, CBU's Speech-Language Pathology program received initial accreditation in July 2021. In July 2025, we applied for re-accreditation according to the accreditation cycle set forth by the Council of Academic Accreditation (CAA). The final stage of our re-accreditation procedure will occur on March 30-31, 2026 when we host CAA site visitors on campus. The purpose of this site visit is for our accreditors to verify our procedures and physical learning environment by visiting with students, administrators, and the public.

You are invited and encouraged to participate in this process during our CAA Site Visit **Public Meeting** which will be held in the **Clinical Education Center** on the CBU Health Science Campus on **Monday, March 30 at 4:45 PM**. The meeting will be conducted by the CAA site visit team and is expected to end by **5:30 PM**.

With all accreditation site visits, the public are invited to provide input to the CAA regarding our program. However, if you cannot attend the Public Meeting, the most convenient mechanism to provide input may be via email. The email address for public comment is accreditation@asha.org. Additionally, comments may be faxed (301-296-8570) or mailed to Accreditation Public Comment, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850.

All comments must:

- Relate to a program's compliance with the current Standards for Accreditation
- Identify the specific program seeking candidacy, initial accreditation, or continued accreditation with the CAA
- All written testimony—including comments faxed or submitted as e-mail attachments—must include the commenter's name, address and telephone contact information and the commenter's relationship to the program in order for Accreditation staff to verify the source of the testimony. All comments must be signed.

A copy of the Standards for Accreditation and/or the CAA's Policy on Public Comment may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Office at ASHA, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, calling ASHA's Action Center at 1-800-498-2071, or accessing the documents online at <https://caa.asha.org/>. For more information, please visit <https://caa.asha.org/programs/call-for-public-comments/>

Thanks for your consideration of this announcement, and we hope you find the time and inclination to participate in our Public Meeting.

Many blessings,

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