

## **Notice of Public Meeting with the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association**

The Morosky College of Health Professions and Sciences' Speech-Language Pathology program invites you to a public meeting with the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The CAA is a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As part of the CAA's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education, the agency is encouraged to develop a method for allowing public input about the accreditation process and graduate education programs seeking the Candidacy Status for the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. Individuals who wish to provide input about Gannon's program in Speech-Language Pathology seeking candidacy status (pre-accreditation) may do so in two ways:

1. Submit written comments prior to the accreditation site visit in accordance with the procedures specified below or
2. Attend and provide comments at a public meeting during the program's scheduled site visit. All comments provided must:
  - relate to a program's compliance with the published Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Standards) in effect at the time comments are submitted, and
  - identify the specific program seeking candidacy, initial accreditation, or reaccreditation with the CAA.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date: Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Time: 4:30 – 5:00pm**

**Location: Gannon University Campus**

**Waldron Room 219**

If you are unable to attend, you are invited to submit written comments. Please see below for the Policy on Written Comments. 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/>.

### **Comments Submitted Prior to the Site Visit**

The CAA publishes on its website the list of programs that have submitted applications for candidacy, initial accreditation, and reaccreditation during that calendar year for which the CAA

is seeking public comment as part of its current accreditation review of the published programs. The listing will include the dates of the scheduled site visit for each program. Individuals who wish to submit written testimony about any of the programs scheduled for a site visit must adhere to the following procedures.

All comments about education programs are due in the Accreditation Office no later than 15 days before the first day of the scheduled site visit. Comments received after this time will not be forwarded to the site visit team for consideration during the accreditation review.

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 for Accreditation staff to verify the source of the testimony. All comments must be signed. Comments should be submitted to:

**Accreditation Public Comment**

**Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

**2200 Research Boulevard, #310 Rockville, MD 20850**

**accreditation@asha.org Fax: 301-296-8570.**

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