



## Distance Learning & Clinical Supervision - FAQs

- For **SLPs completing the ASHA CFY**:
  - Is remote supervision allowed?
    - The ASHA Council for Clinical Certification is allowing the use of telepractice and telesupervision for Clinical Fellows between March 16th and August 31st, 2020. More info [here](#). During this time period, required direct and indirect supervisory hours may be conducted via telesupervision.
  - How can CFs work toward completion of the CFY if their work setting does not allow telepractice?
    - From March 16th-August 31st, work hours/weeks spent on indirect clinical tasks (e.g. consultation, report-writing, preparing materials, etc.) may be counted toward the CFY.
  
- For **SLPs completing the RPE** for CA Licensure:
  - Is remote supervision allowed?
    - Yes, through July 4, 2020, according to a waiver approved on May 6, 2020. The waiver clarified that the “personal observation” and “direct monitoring” supervision requirements may be done via telesupervision. More information [here](#) and [here](#).
  - Will school closure weeks count toward completion of the RPE?
    - Only weeks during which the SLP is working can count toward the required 36 weeks of full-time or 72 week of part-time experience. If the RPE license will expire before the SLP is able to complete the required 36 weeks of full-time or 72 weeks of part-time experience, then an RPE extension will be needed.
  
- For **Speech-Language Pathology Assistants**:
  - Are SLPAs allowed to conduct therapy via a teletherapy platform?
    - Yes, through July 4, 2020, according to a waiver approved on May 6, 2020. The waiver clarified that the “on-site observation” requirement for direct supervision may be done via telesupervision. More information [here](#) and [here](#).
    - According to ASHA, SLPAs “may provide guidance and treatment via telepractice to students, patients, and clients who are selected by the supervising SLP as appropriate for this service delivery model.” More [here](#).

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- According to ASHA, to satisfy direct supervision requirements, the supervising SLP can view and communicate with the client and SLPA live, via real time telecommunication technology, which allows the SLP the ability to provide immediate feedback. More information [here](#)
  
- For SLP **Graduate Student Interns**:
  - May SLP graduate interns engage in teletherapy?
    - From March 16 – Aug 31, 2020, telepractice and telesupervision may be used to obtain the required supervised clinical practicum. Graduate student clinicians may engage in service delivery through telepractice when the clinical educator provides 100% direct supervision of the sessions in real time (i.e. telesupervises all sessions in their entirety). More information [here](#)

**\*SPG pro tips:**

- In addition to supervisory support, ensure that supervisees have received training specific to service delivery via telepractice
- Ensure adherence to district-specific policies