

## **LISTENING AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE SPECIALIST® CERTIFICATION**

*“I encourage all professionals in the fields of speech-language pathology, audiology and education of children with hearing loss to pursue this important certification. LSLS is the standard parents of children with hearing loss look for when selecting spoken language specialists.”*

– Donald M. Goldberg, Ph.D., LSLS Cert. AVT  
Co-Director, Hearing Implant Program, Cleveland Clinic

### **WHO**

The AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language is now offering an expanded certification program entitled “Listening and Spoken Language Specialist® (LSLS)” that encompasses Auditory-Verbal Therapists (LSLS Cert. AVT®) and Auditory-Verbal Educators (LSLS Cert. AVEd®). Professionals interested in obtaining LSLS certification include:

- Auditory-verbal therapists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Audiologists
- Teachers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Supervisors and administrators of Auditory-Verbal programs

### **WHAT**

A LSLS certificate holder is a credentialed professional in the field of spoken language. For parents looking for a spoken language option for their child, a LSLS designation will assist in identifying and validating your credentials.

### **WHERE AND WHEN**

The LSLS certification examination is offered in paper-and-pencil format at test sites all over the world. Please check our website for test dates and locations.

### **WHY**

The new certification recognizes our commitment to unite listening and spoken language professionals around the world. Early intervention and the evolution of hearing technologies, such as the cochlear implant, digital hearing aids and integrated FM systems, have led to an explosion in demand for spoken language outcomes for children with hearing loss. A LSLS designation is the standard parents look for if they choose a listening and spoken language outcome for their child.

### **HOW**

Learn about eligibility requirements, find test dates and obtain a LSLS Handbook at [www.agbellacademy.org](http://www.agbellacademy.org) or contact Henry Becker at (202) 204-4672.