

**Applied Behavior Analysis and Speech  
Language Pathology: Inter-collaboration  
for Enhanced Outcomes**

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and professionals in applied behavior analysis (ABA) (along with many other disciplines, such as OT, teacher, etc.) frequently participate as members of support teams for children with autism. Collaboration between these professionals can enhance the team's work, since each professional brings valuable resources to the table. However, overlapping areas of expertise, different terms used for similar instructional elements, and variations in addressing the same problems may complicate the collaborative process. This gap between ABA professionals and SLPs appears to be growing even wider and if not addressed, can begin to have negative consequences for individuals on the spectrum. This presentation will discuss the differences and issues that complicate collaboration. Examples of the widening gap will be provided from the field. Potential strategies to overcome these challenges and foster collaboration will be discussed. Lastly, case studies will be provided illustrating the importance of inter-collaboration.

Outcomes

Following the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Identify areas of overlapping expertise and roles for the SLPs and behavior analysts.
2. Describe at least 3 common misconceptions of applied behavior analysis.
3. Describe at least 3 common misconceptions of speech pathology.
4. Identify potential strategies to enhance collaboration between the speech pathologist and the behavior analyst.

**SCHEDULE**

7:30-8:15	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15-8:30	Announcements
8:30-10:15	Definitions of Inter-collaboration Review of challenges to inter-collaboration between SLP and Behavior Analysts (BA) Review of the benefits of inter-collaboration
10:15-10:30	Morning Break
10:30-12:00	Overview of SLP competencies and BA competencies Sample of clinical applications of these competencies
12:00-1:00	Buffet Luncheon
1:00-3:00	Strategies to promote inter-collaboration Characteristics of an effective Inter-collaborative Team
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-4:00	Review of case studies Q&A

**Directions**

From Points North: Take exit 4 off the Northway (I-87) At the end of the ramp, take a left. At the next traffic light, take another left. At the next light take a right onto Wolf Road. The Radisson is on the left approx. 2 blocks.

From Points East: Thruway to exit B1, to 90 West to exit 1N (I-87). Take exit 4 and take a right off the exit. The Radisson Inn is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Points West or South: Thruway to Exit 24 (Albany). Get on the Northway/I-87 North (exit 1N). Take exit 4 (Wolf Road/ Albany Airport). Take a right off the exit. The Red Lion Inn is 1/4 mile on the left.

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### Disclosure statement

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