

ADVOCATING AND ADVANCING THE CDA PROFESSION AS A PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL



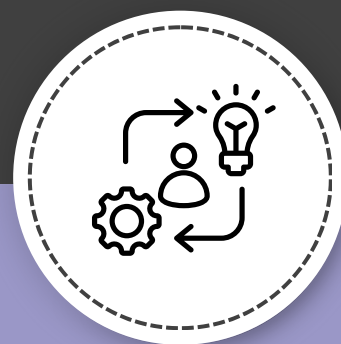
Contribution to Professional Development

- Actively participate/present at conferences and workshops where SLPs, AUDs and multidisciplinary professionals are present
- Keep updated with research and evidence-based practice in various formats (articles, workshops, forums, interest groups, conferences, etc.)
- Stay informed on issues impacting CDAs in various settings
- Host lunch-and-learns and Special Interest Groups at your workplace



Mentorships and Personal Growth

- Inform discussions with supervisors and employers about the CDA scope of practice and position statements
- Discuss with SLP/AUD students and practicing professionals how CDAs can support both their future and current practice
- Mentor CDA placement students on best practices
- Develop a strong support network and prioritize your wellbeing through self-care practices
- Remain open to receiving constructive feedback



Participation in CDAAC's initiatives

- Connect with your professional community by renewing your CDAAC membership and accessing member-specific resources and events
- Volunteer with the Executive Team, Board of Directors and subcommittees
- Participate in and provide feedback at CDAAC's events (Townhalls, workshops, conferences etc.)
- Support the creation of CDA profession documents/awareness campaigns



Awareness and Collaboration

- Partner with other professionals to empower parents and families
- Advocate for the creation of CDA positions locally and nationally
- Spearhead initiatives in the community about speech, language, and hearing (presentations, programs, events, resources, etc.)
- Share about the CDA profession on social media
- Explain the difference between CDAs and other support personnel in the field of communication disorders