

Invitation to Help Revise the ATP/ATS Credentialing Exam

The ATP/ATS exam was launched ten years ago! During the past decade, the examination process has offered assistive technology service providers an opportunity for professional credentialing. In this same period, the field has continued to expand and grow with dynamic technological innovations and legislative and social agendas. The ATP/ATS exam was revised in 2002 and it is time for another update to ensure that the test keeps pace with progress in the field.

You are invited to apply for an appointment to the ATP/ATS Exam Revision Committee. This group will be guided in a review of the existing test and development of new test items by psychometrists from CASTLE Worldwide, RESNA's contracted test consultant firm. CASTLE has outlined an efficient process that anticipates use of a revised instrument in less than a year. We are recruiting individuals to serve on the committee with the goal of assembling a diverse group of individuals who represent a cross section of expertise within the field of assistive technology – the ultimate interdisciplinary team!

Please consider contributing to this important initiative by participating on the Exam Revision Committee! First, review the criteria below. If you are eligible to apply and willing to make the requisite time commitment this spring, e-mail me immediately at chrissa@virginia.edu. I also encourage you to contact me with any questions you may have or suggestions for other potential committee members.

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Eligibility, Availability, and Selection Criteria

- **Eligibility:** all Exam Revision Committee members must hold an active ATP or ATS credential.
- **Availability:** committee members must commit to the following scheduled activities:

March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review test item development manual and other materials supplied by CASTLE
April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in a teleconference call (approximately two hours long) which will include a "crash course" in test construction / item development (date of call in early April TBA)• Maintain communication with committee chair and other members by e-mail• Begin writing test items
May 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete test item development assignment• Maintain communication with committee chair and other members by e-mail
June 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a two-day exam revision workshop in Atlanta on Tuesday & Wednesday, June 28-29. The workshop will follow the RESNA conference. Committee members will be compensated for lodging and food during the workshop period.
July 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete possible final assignments or details (anticipated as minimal time investment).

- **Selection:** Committee members will be selected with the goal of assembling a small but diverse group representing a broad base of expertise within the assistive technology field. Preference will be given to RESNA members.