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 - See the section below for information and word limits
- CEU questions and answers**
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- Disclosures**
 - Disclose relevant financial and nonfinancial relationships
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MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

Article Types

There are two types of articles accepted for publication in *Seminars*. Each is described in detail below:

1. **Unsolicited Data-based Articles:** These articles present original research, placing the research within a clinical context that is relevant to speech-language pathologists. Issue 5 each year is comprised of these data-based reports.
 - Description. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed for quality, relevance, and suitability for *Seminars*.
 - Timeline. Manuscripts may be submitted year-round. If accepted, the manuscript will be published online prior to its in-print publication. To be considered for publication in the 5th issue of the same year, manuscripts must be submitted no later than May 1st of that year.
 - Length. Approximately 30 double-spaced pages, including title page, disclosures, abstract, keywords, text, references, tables, figures, learning outcomes, and multiple choice questions.
2. **Invited Review Articles:** These articles are consistent with the topic of an Issue and **are by invitation only**. Issues 1-4 each year focus on a particular topic, two pertaining to adult populations and two to pediatric populations.
 - Description. Manuscripts are invited and undergo peer-reviewed prior to acceptance. They are intended as reviews of the literature, rather than research reports. Readership is primarily speech-language pathologists.
 - Timeline. Deadlines for submissions are set by the issue editor.
 - Length. Approximately 25 double-spaced pages, including title page, disclosures, abstract, keywords, text, references, tables, figures, learning outcomes, and multiple choice questions.

General Guidelines (Regardless of Manuscript Type)

- You must submit an electronic copy of your manuscript – Microsoft Word document files are preferred. PDFs are not acceptable. Hard copy submissions are not accepted.
- Keep the format of your manuscript simple and clear.
- The manuscript, including the title page, disclosures, abstract, keywords, text, references, tables, figures, learning outcomes, and multiple choice questions, should be typewritten, double-spaced in 12-point font with 1-inch margins all around and saved as one file.
- Keep acronyms to a minimum, and define them the first time they are used in the text.
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Title Page

- This journal adheres to a single-blinded peer-review policy. The title page should be included in the main document.
- There is no limit to the length of the article title.

- The title page should list the article title and the corresponding author's full name, degree(s), title, department, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. It should also list the full name, degree, title, department, and email of every co-author.
- Include a running head.

Abstract, Keywords, and Learning Outcomes

The abstract should be approximately 150 words in length. It should outline the content of the article, including conclusions and clinical relevance. Abstracts for research articles (Issue 5) should include background, method, results, and implications of the study.

Keywords should follow the abstract. List 3-5 words that a reader would be likely to use in searching for the content of the article.

Learning outcomes (at least 3) should follow. Please use measurable verbs, such as *explain*, *summarize*, *apply*, and *discuss*; avoid metacognitive verbs such as *know*, *understand*, and *appreciate*. For example:

After reading this article, the learner will be able to:

- contrast implicit vs. explicit memory
- explain which memory system is impaired when a patient displays post-traumatic amnesia
- describe two methods of tinnitus therapy
- evaluate patient responses to adjust therapy

CEU Questions & Answers

- Submit five multiple choice questions with five answer choices. Label the answers (a) to (e) and indicate the correct answer in bold.
- Do not use True/False questions. The questions should not be “tricky,” but rather, should focus on key points that underscore the clinical importance of the article.
- Although it is acceptable to use options such as “all of the above” as an answer choice, please do not provide questions with more than one clearly correct answer choice.

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- Use only one space, not two, after periods.
- Create tables using the Table function in Microsoft Word.
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Acknowledgments

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References should be the most recent and pertinent literature available. It is essential that they are complete and thoroughly checked. If the reference information is incomplete, good online sites to search for full details are the National Library of Medicine: www.nlm.nih.gov; Books in Print: www.booksinprint.com;

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- References follow the article text. Insert a page break between the end of text and the start of references.
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- Any abbreviations used in the table should be explained at the end of the table in a footnote.

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General Guidelines

- It is best to use Adobe Photoshop to create and save images, and Adobe Illustrator for line art and labels.
- Do not submit art created in Microsoft Excel, Word, or PowerPoint. These files cannot be used by the typesetter.
- Save each figure in a separate file.
- Do not compress files.
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