

SLP Clinic FAQ

Questions from perspective students. Answers by current students.

On-campus clinics & supervisors:

-3 on-campus clinics: Audiology Clinic and Child Hearing Services, Hearing and Speech Center, and the Pediatric Language Clinic.

-12 clinical faculty members specializing in different areas such as swallowing, cognition, hearing impairments, voice, and AAC.

How many observation hours do you need to begin the program?

25

Do observation hours count towards clinic hours?

No, only hours spent treating patients count towards the total number of clinical practicum hours.

Can you transfer clinical hours?

Yes, up to 50 clinical hours can be transferred in.

Can you transfer observation hours?

Yes, up to 25 observation hours can be transferred in.

Do we have group therapy sessions or only individual therapy sessions?

Most sessions in CHS and HSC are individual, but there are some group sessions as well. Students can also run support-group sessions which counts towards their total clinical hours.

How many total clinic hours need to be completed in this program?

400 (375 clinical practicum hours, 25 observation hours)

What is the population of adult patients vs. the population of child patients?

We treat both adult and child patients in our clinic. The exact numbers vary, but there are generally more children than adults.

How many audiology related/hearing science/aural rehabilitation clinic hours need to be completed in this program?

A minimum of 15 hours in aural rehabilitation and 3 hours of hearing screenings are required.

However, if you enroll in the Aural Rehabilitation concentration, you will spend 3 semesters working in Child Hearing Services and accrue at least 130 clock hours in this area.

Are there any on-campus clinical placements that are required?

A certain number of hours are required in specific areas including one semester in our Child Hearing Services clinic. ASHA requires students to demonstrate competencies in a wide variety of skills.

When do student clinicians have off-campus placements, and in what kinds of settings?

During your final year, you will have one part-time off-campus placement as well as one full-time off-campus placement. Off-campus placement opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, private practices, and school systems.

What is the clinic dress code?

The clinic handbook lists the exact requirements, but professional/business casual attire is required. Scrubs are allowed, unless providing treatment at PLC.

How many student clinicians per supervisor?

Supervisors may have as few as 5 and as many as 14 depending on the complexity of the patient caseload and the preparation of the student clinicians.

If I do not have a speech pathology degree but have related coursework, will I start clinic right away?

This varies depending on the courses completed. If adequate coursework has been completed, you may begin clinic while taking some leveling classes. This is up to your advisor's discretion.

Do I have a choice in the populations I work with in clinic?

You may request certain populations and clinical supervisors do their best to honor these requests. The clinical supervisors try to make sure each student sees a variety of patients in order to meet competencies.

How often do we rotate in clinic?

Every semester

What is an off-campus placement?

While still enrolled in classes on campus, a student may be placed at a local off-campus site to accrue clinical hours under a supervisor outside of the department. Off-campus placements are part-time.

What is an externship?

Students go out on externship during the Fall or Summer of their final year. They are typically no longer taking classes. Externships are full time and may be school-based or medical. Externships can be set up almost anywhere in the country. While in the externship, students are under full supervision of the external site supervisor.

How many students get externships out of state?

There is not a set number of students who go out of state as it depends on each cohort of students. If students do want to go out-of-state, it is an option. Many students do this as we have jurisdiction with many states.

Is it easy to get out-of-state externships?

If students submit their requests on time, advisors do their absolute best to place them wherever they wish to go. It is extremely common to receive an out-of-state placement.

What is an average income?

The median annual wage for speech-language pathologists was \$ 80,480 in 2020.

Do you have to get re-certified out of state?

Each state is different and you should refer to your state's specific website for this information. Some states require passing of a test, some just require proof of documentation, etc. Specific information can be found on <http://asha.org/advocacy/state/>

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