

MS-SLP VERIFICATION OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE Policy # SLP-CL-20-A

About This Policy:

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Scope

This policy is for all students enrolled in the MS-SLP program within the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences.

Policy Statement

It is a student clinician's responsibility to keep record of all clinical clock hours obtained in each practicum experience. The Clinical Director will work with each student throughout their progression in the program to monitor and verify attainment of clinical skills and clinical clock hours required by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's 2020 Standards and Implementation Procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology.

Procedure

Student clinicians will work with their assigned supervisors to enter all hours and skills obtained into CALIPSO. Clinical clock hours should be entered into CALIPSO daily and submitted for supervisor verification on a schedule approved by your supervisor, but not less frequently than once monthly. Weekly or biweekly is recommended. A supervisor or clinician holding the appropriate and current ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) must be on-site and available at all times when the student is providing clinical services. Clock hours must be signed off on by the SLP who was doing the supervision at that time. Supervisors may not sign clock hours for clinical experiences that were supervised by another individual.

At midterm, to make sure student clinicians are on track for the target hours and skills, the Clinical Director will review each student's hours obtained thus far and review the midterm evaluation completed by the supervisor. If there are any concerns on the part of the Clinical Director, the supervisor, or the student, a meeting with the student clinician will be held.

At the end of each semester, the Clinical Director will again review each student clinician's hours and skills obtained, and will meet with each student clinician individually to review status toward completion.

Clinical and diagnostic practicum grades are Pass/Fail, with criterion score based on a student's semester in the program. If a student clinician's grade does not meet criterion score to "pass" a practicum experience, or if a student earns an "unsatisfactory" rating on any core section of the Evaluation of Speech-Language Pathology Student Practicum, he/she will be placed on clinical probation. The student clinician must attend a remediation meeting with the Clinical Director and Program Director to discuss standards and essential functions not being demonstrated, and to develop strategies to promote the student clinician's success. Clinical hours accumulated during a "failed" practicum experience will not count towards the required 375 clinical clock hours.

Knowledge and skills obtained vs. still needed will be used to guide assignment of future clinical placements.