

SLP 580 – Clinical Observation

Fall 2021

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Course Description: This course is designed to provide speech pathology/audiology students with opportunities to observe a minimum of 25 hours of evaluation/treatment for communication and/or swallowing disorders in children and adults.

Learning Objectives:

The student will:

1. Learn observation skills to understand the skills necessary to function as a professional in communication sciences and disorders.
2. Be able to explain the perceived objectives observed in therapy and ways in which the objectives are targeted during therapy.
3. Complete the clinical record keeping form for clock hour documentation.
4. Identify types of observed disorders.
5. Identify types of intervention principles.
6. Chart client/clinician behaviors.
7. Complete 25 clock hours of guided observation of clinical services.

Required Text

No textbook is necessary for this course.

Completing Observations

Students will observe **ASHA certified** speech language pathologists (SLP) or audiologists providing evaluation and/or treatment of clients. Students will observe for a total of 25 clock hours.

Observations using Master Clinician network: Students will complete guided observation hours by watching pre-recorded videos through a virtual service Master Clinician (there is a fee). This option requires registration, payment of a fee, and completion of a short questionnaire following each video. Go to: www.masterclinician.org to register. When registering students will need to use their full name, WKU email address and select WKU as his/her university/school. Master Clinician Network will report to the instructor the actual time observed, so be careful to document exactly the time observed.

Course Evaluation

This course is graded either PASS or FAIL. This mean you must complete ALL requirements of the course successfully before receiving a grade or to pass the course.

Requirements for the Course

1. Attend or watch recordings of the 4 lectures to understand what types of clinical services or clients you'll be observing during each module.
2. Complete 25 clinical clock hours of observation over the course of the semester based on the designated module.
3. Thoroughly answer each question that accompanies each Master Clinician video. Keep in mind the terminology and lecture regarding the specific content.

Method of Instruction The course instruction is totally online. The observations however may be online or face-to-face.

General Policies:

1. Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf.

Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121.

Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and **MUST** report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.

2. In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

3. Plagiarism

Note: Students must be familiar with plagiarism. Review the following tutorial for specific information: <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=paraphrasing>

From the Faculty Handbook: To represent ideas or interpretations taken from another source as one's own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of students must be their own. Students must give the author(s) credit for any source material used. To lift content directly from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage after having changed a few words, even if the source is cited, is also plagiarism.

4. Grievance

The University's Grievance Policy is specified at the following URL:

<http://www.wku.edu/StuAffairs/StuLife/handbook/2004pdf/16%20Student%20Grievance%20Procedure.pdf>

Course Schedule

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In compliance with ASHA Certification standards, observations must be guided. To accomplish that, this class is divided into 3 modules and will meet via Zoom as follows:

Monday, August 23, 4-5 p.m. Central - we will discuss assessment in communication disorders and the designated assessment Master Clinician videos will be identified; notes about assessment will be posted

Monday, September 23, 4-5 p.m. Central - we will review your assessment observations, discuss pediatric treatment, then identify the designated Master Clinician videos; notes about pediatric treatment will be posted

Monday, October 18, 4-5 p.m. Central - we will review pediatric treatment and discuss adult treatment then identify the designated Master Clinician videos; notes about adult treatment will be posted

Monday, November 29, 4-5 p.m. Central - we will review adult treatment then discuss the process for submitting paperwork

Classes will be recorded and posted to this course site so if you are unable to attend, you can still obtain the information. Attendance is important but if you cannot attend regularly, you will not be penalized.

The Observation Hours Summary Sheet and module logs are due to the course Blackboard site by 4:00 p.m. Central on Monday, November 29. Pay attention to the posted guidelines for instructions to provide an electronic signature as needed on the forms. In the past, some students with Macs have needed assistance from the WKU IT Help Desk (270-745-7000) to add the electronic signature.

Check Blackboard regularly for announcements, suggestions to help you with the observations, reminders and any other support that may be needed. Lots of FAQs are posted on the course Blackboard page.