Clinical Practicum Skills

Students in off-campus practicum will have skills that they have mastered during previous clinical practica courses. They also have many more skills, which they must master before they receive their Certificate of Clinical Competence. During the practicum, students should develop the following skills:

1. Ability to work cooperatively with other professionals.
2. Proficiency in conducting diagnostic evaluations.
3. Ability to explain test results to the client and family.
4. Ability to develop recommendations based on test results.
5. Ability to write accurate and concise reports.
6. Ability to plan and implement a speech-language treatment program based on the needs and abilities of the client.
7. Ability to collect and analyze data.
8. Ability to understand and state the rationale for any treatment plan, approach, and procedure used.
9. Ability to motivate clients to improve their communicative ability.
10. Ability to use diagnostic and treatment time efficiently.
11. Awareness of and ability to handle client behavior and responses.
12. Flexibility in meeting client and family needs.
13. Flexibility in planning treatment sessions and in choosing appropriate materials for a client.