CLINICAL ASSIGNMENTS - STUDENTS

Graduate clinicians receive assignments according to the Student Workload approved by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders faculty. Graduate students will conduct supervised speech-language evaluations and therapy both on and off campus. The amount of clock hours obtained by the graduate student is variable, depending on the availability of clients, frequency of sessions, client attendance, as well as other factors. However, it is expected that students will obtain 75 to 100 clock hours in the fall and spring semesters and 35 to 50 clock hours in the summer semester.

Graduate students receive notification of their clinical setting via email. Students should then contact their clinical educators as soon as possible but at least by the beginning of the semester. Failure to contact clinical educators in a timely manner and attend required meetings for the placement may result in a lower clinical practicum grade. Additionally, students must track all competencies required by the program and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders reserves the right to exclude from the Clinic any student who engages in behavior that substantially disrupts a program or poses a risk of injury to clients, other students, or staff. Disruptive behavior may result in both a dismissal from the Clinic and Communication Sciences and Disorders Practicum course and a referral to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. This is in accord with existing University policy.

Deviation from the typically prescribed sequence of clinical course work may be done only with the approval of the graduate advisor and Clinic Director. The decision may be forwarded to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders faculty at the discretion of the graduate advisor and the Clinic Director.