Observation Guidelines

Clinical Observation

Students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program are required to observe at least 25 hours of clinical services provided by certified speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists prior to starting CSD 570. Documentation must be uploaded into Typhon and approved by the CSD Director of Clinical Education. Students may observe assessment and evaluation of cognitive, communication and swallowing disorders, speech and language therapy and client/patient counseling. The clinical observation experiences allow students to become familiar with the client/patient/clinician interaction process, assessment and evaluation procedures, therapy planning, and therapy counseling techniques. The CSD Clinical Education Director overseas student’s clinical observation and can suggest observation sites. Students are expected to secure the majority of their observations independently. Many observations are part of CSD UG course requirements. **All other observations must be documented on the Clinical Observation Form.**

The CSD Program dress code must be adhered to during clinical observation. All students must have completed introduction to HIPPA and adhere to all immunization or background check required in most medical and schools settings.