I. Course Description
Supervised clinical practicum in providing services for individuals who are speech and language impaired
at the University Clinic. University practicum during some semesters includes participation in off-campus
sites. Enrollment is limited and may be repeated one time for elective credit. Liability insurance and TB
clearance required. Course fee required. Prerequisites: 21 semester hours of upper division undergraduate
course work in communication disorders and proficient use of Standard American Oral/Written English.

II. Course Objectives
In completion of this course, students will demonstrate clinical knowledge and skills in the following areas in
accordance with the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2014 Standards and
Implementation Procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology, the
Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, UTEP Speech Language Pathology Knowledge and Clinical Competencies, and the UTEP EDGE Experiences.

A. ASHA Standards
Standard IV (B, C, D, E, F, G, H) — Knowledge Outcomes
Standard V (A, B, C, D, E, F) — Skills Outcomes

B. CAA Standards

C. UTEP Speech-Language Pathology Knowledge and Clinical Competencies
All of the indices below are found in the Student Clinical Handbook:
1. Students will acquire practicum observation and practice hours.
2. Students will acquire clinical diagnostic, interpretive, treatment and prevention behaviors consistent with graduate level expectations.
3. Students will satisfy Clinical and Knowledge Competencies of at least an Independence rating of 5 on selected competencies before being permitted to go off campus to continue their clinical education.
4. The Clinical and Knowledge Competencies are the outcome measures used to determine the status of a student’s clinical experience.
5. Students will learn to apply the scientific method to the evaluation of their clinical practice.
6. Students will learn to apply the content and clinical information presented in the classroom to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of communication disorders in the clinical setting.
7. Students will learn what standardized clinical procedures are reported in the scientific literature and learn to apply them in the clinical setting.
8. Students will learn to administer and interpret a variety of standardized tests in speech, language, voice, learning disorders.
9. Students will learn to use a variety of multidimensional scoring systems used to measure the behavior of their clients/patients.
10. Students will learn to use a variety of treatment designs that will permit them to make cause and effect statements about the treatment used and the behavior of the client/patient.
11. Students will learn to carry out treatment in one-on-one and in-group settings.
12. Students will learn to write contact notes in the SOAP format and write reports that are functional for both billing and professional needs.
13. Students will learn to identify, measure, and treat functional behavior, and specifically learn to administer and interpret functional communication scales and tests.
14. Students will learn to make reliable observations of verbal and nonverbal behavior.
15. Students will learn to plan, implement, measure, interpret, revise and implement treatment and diagnostic practices.
16. Students will learn to keep hour logs and related administrative behaviors.

D. UTEP EDGE
Community Engagement. For detailed information, visit: https://www.utep.edu/edge/edge-experiences/Community-Engagement.html
III. Requirements

*CHS Academic Advising approval and prerequisite courses outlined in the course catalog required.*

A. Texts
   a. Student Handbook
   b. Additional readings assigned on Blackboard

B. *Technology
   1. Access to a reliable computer and/or tablet with:
      • Internet access
      • Word Processing software
      • Adobe Reader (latest version) or pdf reader
      • Microsoft OneDrive (The only UTEP approved cloud storage system)
      • Zoom with microphone and camera for Telepractice service delivery (check for updates)
   2. Active UTEP email address and access to Blackboard shell:
      SPLP 5369 :002 CRN 20811

IV. Class Format: Hybrid

A. Synchronous
   1. Supervisory Meetings: To be arranged with your clinical supervisor as per their schedule. Refer to p. 23 of the student handbook which states, "SEVERE AND INFLEXIBLE RESTRICTIONS IN YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE INTERPRETED AS A LACK OF COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM AND CLIENTS."
   2. Clinical Staffings- in-class/online participatory activities (individual and group discussions, written activities, and oral presentations)

B. Asynchronous
   1. Blackboard (readings, weekly reflection blog, etc.)

V. Student Responsibilities

*You are expected to participate in all in-class and online activities.*

A. Class Attendance*
   1. The syllabus provides general description of assignments and lecture topics. **Specific details and due dates will be provided in class/online.** Regular attendance and participation are essential for your success in the course. "When, in the judgment of the instructor, a student has been absent to such a degree as to impair his or her status relative to credit for the course, the instructor can drop the student from the class with a grade of W before the course drop deadline and with a grade of F after the course drop deadline." [http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/curriculum-and-classroom-policies/](http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/curriculum-and-classroom-policies/)
   2. Please be on time. Tardiness may result in missed information. Students are considered tardy once the door closes at the assigned time or the online meeting has been locked.
   3. For university policies on attendance, excused absences for university-recognized activities, religious holy days, military leave, and absence from examinations please visit [http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/curriculum-and-classroom-policies/](http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/curriculum-and-classroom-policies/)
   4. If you cannot attend class/staffing, or clinical sessions please notify us at least 12 hours, prior to the assigned time, via email, phone message, or in person.
   5. It is **your responsibility** to obtain the required information from a classmate.
6. Participation and availability is expected until the semester ends, not when the therapy block ends.

B. Due Dates
1. **Paperwork Deadlines**: See schedule below.
2. **Hour Logs**: Weekly hour logs due to the TA Fridays at 5:00 pm or before!
   - Failure to comply will result in not obtaining hours for that week!
   - Please discuss signature/approval protocol (OneDrive upload or other) with assigned supervisor.
3. All additional assignments are due as directed in class/online and/or on Blackboard.
4. Late assignments, clinical paperwork, or projects will not be accepted without a physician's note, documentation of an emergency, or prior approval from clinical supervisor.
5. Please contact your clinical supervisor regarding issues with technology technology (laptop, computer, tablet, software, internet access failure) as soon as possible in order to avoid late timelines with assignments, clinical paperwork, or projects. Failure to do so may result in unexcused late submissions. Please refer to the “Resources” section of the syllabus.

C. Clinical Expectations
1. Patient-Clinician Interactions: See clinic handbook
2. Dress code: See clinic handbook
3. **CLINICAL SUPERVISOR ASSIGNMENTS**: Your Assigned Supervisor is based on the needs of the program. Please note that the instructor of record may not be the same as your clinical supervisor. Your final grade will be determined by your clinic supervisor based on your performance in your clinical competencies. Your clinical supervisor will provide your grade to be entered by the instructor of record. Any issues that may arise with regards to your grades need to be addressed with your clinical supervisor.

D. Classroom/Clinic Policies*
1. You are expected to act in a professional and considerate manner.
2. You are expected to arrive on time (virtually or in person) and remain in class/sessions/staffings until dismissal.
3. You may use your laptops or tablets for taking notes or for clinical procedures. You may not check your email, update social media, watch videos (unless instructed), or engage in any other distracting activity with your devices during class/sessions/staffings unless directed by your clinical supervisor.

D. Netiquette
*When communicating electronically, many of the feelings or impressions that are transmitted via body language in face-to-face communications, are lost. Consequently, interpreting emotions and innuendos is much more difficult. Excitement using all caps, for example, may be misinterpreted as anger, insulting, or shouting. It is important that we all keep this in mind as we communicate. It is important that we are conscious of how we communicate while working at a distance. The following are Netiquette guidelines:
1. You are required to check the Blackboard course daily for messages, updates and assignments.
2. Respect and courtesy must be provided to fellow classmates and the instructor at all times, in all contexts. Harassment or inappropriate postings will not be tolerated.
3. Be professional and careful in what you say about others. When reacting to someone else’s message, address and focus on the ideas, not the person who posted them.
4. Be careful when using sarcasm and humor. Without face-to-face communications your joke may be viewed as criticism.
VI. Course Content

A. Class Outline/Calendar

1. You are **required** to check **weekly emails and Blackboard** for detailed instruction regarding weekly readings, assignments, discussions, and projects.

2. Your assigned clinical supervisor may assign additional assignments/projects.

3. *The course syllabus and outline of assignments is subject to change or modification at the instructors’ discretion.*

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Clinic Staffing times and dates will be determined by your clinical supervisor.

*Students must acquire 1-2 observation hours for each new client before therapy sessions begin.*

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| January 18-22      | Tuesday, Jan. 19.  
- Initial Clinic Staffing  
- Via Zoom-Info will be sent out via Outlook Invite  
Clinical Practicum Prep Week  
*No School Monday, Jan. 18th-MLK Holiday* |  
- Large Group Staffing  
- Assign Clients  
- Review Clinical Procedures  
- Review Byiers, Reichle, & Symons (2012)  
- Begin Dx/Tx Plans  
- Meet with supervisor as needed |
| January 25-29      | Clinical Practicum Prep Week Continued |  
- Continue Dx/Tx Plan Preparations  
- Meet with supervisor as needed |
| February 1-5       | Week 1- Clinic  
**First Week of Clinic**  
- Small Group Staffing-Staffing time TBD by clinical supervisor |  
- General Client Staffing  
- Review SSD  
Review Baseline/DX Procedures/Reports |
| February 8-12      | Week 2-Clinic  
- Small Group Staffing-Staffing time TBD by clinical supervisor |  
- General Client Staffing  
- Other topics TBD by needs of the group and/or clinical supervisor |
| February 15-19     | Week 3-Clinic  
- Small Group Staffing-Staffing time TBD by clinical supervisor |  
- General Client Staffing  
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B. Practicum Grading
1. Grades for graduate practicum courses are based on the students' acquisition of the Clinical and Knowledge Competencies.
2. Grades are based on the student's clinical experience (i.e. number of hours earned), expected supervisory input level, and actual input level required for acceptable* performance level:

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Grading:
“A” = 90%-100% of skills are at expected performance and supervisory input levels.
“B” = 80%-89% of skills are at expected performance and supervisory input levels.
“C” = 70%-79% of skills are at expected performance and supervisory input levels.
“D” = 60%-69% of skills are at expected performance and supervisory input levels.
“F” = less than 60% of the skills are at expected performance and supervisory input levels.

VII. Other Policies and Information

Communications
Please allow 48 hours for faculty to respond to discussion board postings and/or e-mail.

Drop Policy
Please refer to [http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/general-academic-information/](http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/general-academic-information/) for policies regarding dropping a course. Please refer to [www.utep.edu/calendar](http://www.utep.edu/calendar) to identify the dates during which drops may occur. See “Class Attendance” section of this syllabus.

Americans with Disability Act (ADA)
If you have a disability or suspect a disability, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Special services (CASS) if you require specific accommodations. Please schedule an appointment to see me within the first two weeks of class to discuss your accommodations.

Center for Accommodations and Special services (CASS)
East Union Bld., Room 106
https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass
Phone: (915) 747-5148
Fax: (915) 7478712
cass@utep.edu

Equity Statement
In this course, all persons, regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, class, disability, etc., shall have equal opportunity without harassment.

Academic Dishonesty
“Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Academic dishonesty includes, and is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.” Please refer to http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/curriculum-and-classroom-policies/.

NOTE: Students are to adhere to the ASHA Code of Ethics. Any code violations will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR).

Regarding COVID-19 Accommodations:

Students are not permitted on campus when they have a positive COVID-19 test, exposure or symptoms. If you are not permitted on campus, you should contact me as soon as possible so we can arrange necessary and appropriate accommodations.

Students who are considered high risk according to CDC guidelines and/or those who live with individuals who are considered high risk may contact Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) to discuss temporary accommodations for on-campus courses and activities.

VIII. Resources

Research
Please visit the UTEP library on main campus. https://www.utep.edu/library/

Academic Writing
Please visit the University Writing Center located in the UTEP library, Room 227, http://academic.utep.edu/writingcenter, (915) 747-5486.

Computer labs
Please visit the Technology Support Help Desk https://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=74319 or call the main number at (915) 747-5000 for information on locations of computer labs.

**University Counseling Center**
http://sa.utep.edu/counsel/

**American Speech Language Hearing Association**
http://www.asha.org/

**Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation**
https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/slp/slpa.htm