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# California State University, Sacramento

## Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

### POST-BACHELOR SYLLABUS & COURSE OUTLINE

Tentative

Table 1: Class Information

Class Information:		
Semester/Year: Summer 2023	Course: CSAD 140L SLPA METHODS	Section: 50
Meeting Days: As scheduled	Meeting Times: As scheduled	Location: As scheduled
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#### Catalogue Course Description:

**CSAD 140L. SLPA Methods. 3 Units**

**Prerequisite(s):** CSAD 145, instructor permission

**Term Typically Offered:** Summer

This course serves as extension coursework to the CSAD Bachelor of Science Program to prepare students for SLPA license application. This course is designed to meet the State of California's registration and licensing requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Code of Ethics. Supervised clinical practice takes place in schools, private practice or medical settings. Students are expected to conform to the schedules of assigned placement(s) and must furnish their own transportation to clinical site(s).

#### Place of Course in Program:

This course is required to meet the State of California's registration and licensing requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA). CSAD 140L will generally be taken by students following the completion of their undergraduate degree or as part of the second bachelor's of science in Communication Sciences and Disorders program. The methods course (CSAD 140) is a co-requisite to this CSAD 140L practicum course.

This clinical experience requires assisting a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) with the clinical management of persons with communication disorders. Each CSAD 140L student will be assigned to a speech language pathology (SLP) master clinician with whom they will work during an approximately 6 (or 12) week clinical semester. The SLP master clinician has at least three years of experience working as an SLP, holds a current

California license and is registered with Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board (SLPAB), and/or holds a current Clinical Rehabilitative Credential.

Table 2: Sacramento State Baccalaureate Learning Goals for the 21st Century (BLG)

Sacramento State Baccalaureate Learning Goals for the 21st Century (BLG)	Addressed by this course (Y/N)
<b>Competence in the Disciplines:</b> <i>The ability to demonstrate the competencies and values listed below in at least one major field of study and to demonstrate informed understandings of other fields, drawing on the knowledge and skills of disciplines outside the major.</i>	Y
<b>Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World</b> <i>through study in the sciences and mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages, and the arts. Focused by engagement with big questions, contemporary and enduring.</i>	Y
<b>Intellectual and Practical Skills, including:</b> <i>inquiry and analysis, critical, philosophical, and creative thinking, written and oral communication, quantitative literacy, information literacy, teamwork and problem solving, practiced extensively, across the curriculum, in the context of progressively more challenging problems, projects, and standards for performance.</i>	Y
<b>Personal and Social Responsibility, including:</b> <i>civic knowledge and engagement—local and global, intercultural knowledge and competence*, ethical reasoning and action, foundations and skills for lifelong learning anchored through active involvement with diverse communities and real-world challenges</i>	Y
<b>Integrative Learning**, Including:</b> <i>synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general and specialized studies</i>	Y

#### Fieldwork Experience:

Times and dates for the field experience will be arranged by the program coordinator and will occur at an off-site location, either in a public school or private clinic setting within the greater Sacramento area (within a 2-hour driving distance of the CSUS campus). All fieldwork is done off-campus. Students are required to provide their own transportation to those sites. The SLPA student is expected to be at their assigned practicum site as arranged by the program coordinator. For summer public school placements, the start/end date of the fieldwork experience is based on the length of the school district's regular academic and extended school year program (ESY summer special educational program). Fall placements will be made according to the public school or private practice schedule.

CSAD 140L involves direct client contact/interaction. Students may work with a variety of client populations as part of this CSAD 140L practicum experience. The SLPA student must obtain a minimum of 100 fieldwork hours at their practicum site. Students (under the direction of a licensed SLP) will have opportunities to implement prescribed treatment plans, develop data-keeping strategies, set up/prepare for sessions, assist with speech/language screenings without interpretation, and perform various clerical duties when needed.

**Under no circumstance shall students participate in any activity outside the scope of duties of a SLPA as described in the California state law: Title 16 Business and Professions Code-1399.170—1399.170.20.1, 2358—2538.7 and Title 5 Education Code 56363.**

#### Other Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (no more than 5 years old) from California State University, Sacramento and meet University and Department standards (or the equivalent for SBSCSAD students).
2. Be concurrently enrolled in CSAD 140.
3. Completion of the Department background check (if not already done).
4. Completion of a TB test and the 3 shot Hepatitis (HBV) series of vaccinations.

#### Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Mastery of each student-learning outcome listed below is indicated by a grade of C or better on each component of the corresponding measures listed in the table. Students are required to track their progress towards meeting each learning outcome and must make an appointment with the instructor for any grade equal to or less than a C. The instructor will suggest strategies to help you establish competence and knowledge in these areas. Students should track their progress towards meeting each learning outcome by listing their grades on the table below over the course of the semester.

### **CSAD 140L SPECIFIC STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Identify and discuss the professional responsibilities and ethical behavior for practice of a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) under the guidelines of the state of California's Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Board (SLPAB) and American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) Code of Ethics.
2. Identify and discuss the regulations to client confidentiality and privacy rule under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulation.
3. Understand and discuss the procedures and considerations for cultural and linguistic variations for management of individuals with communicative disorders as required by the SLP master clinician.
4. Discuss and set up a treatment session based on the client's treatment objectives, teaching methods, and use of appropriate reinforcements as described orally and in writing by the SLP master clinician.
5. Collect and report treatment data in a standardized manner as required by the SLP master clinician.
6. Understand and discuss the difference between a complete client assessment and a screening.
7. Understand and identify the non-treatment or clerical duties of a SLPA.
8. Identify and discuss the supervision requirements for a SLPA (type of supervision and CEU requirements for the SLP master clinician).
9. Understand and identify the requirements and processes for registering as a SLPA.

Table 3: Course Learning Outcomes, Components, and Grades Received

Course Learning Outcome	Components Indicating Competence	Grades Received
1-9	Clinical Competencies	

#### Textbooks and Materials:

Shipley, K. G. and McAfee, J. (2021) *Assessment in Speech-Language Pathology: A Resource Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> edition*, San Diego, CA: Thompson-Delmar-Singular Publishing Group, Inc. San Diego, CA. ISBN: 978-1-63550-204-6.

SimuCase Software: As part of this class, SimuCase software will be used. Students can access a SimuCase account at [www.SimuCase.com](http://www.SimuCase.com). Subscriptions are available for 1 semester or 1 year, with pricing available on the website. A discounted subscription is available as part of the class, with information to be posted via flyer on canvas. So that grades can be imported, it is important that you use your Sac State email address when signing up for an account. Students who use a personal account to sign up for the account will need to modify account settings after signing up for Simucase to use a CSUS email address.

Online Resources: Information will be provided on Canvas.

#### Course Requirements/Components:

**Attendance:** Prompt attendance at the practicum site is required at all times. Students are expected to be at their assigned practicum site on the days/times agreed upon between the SLP master clinician and SLPA student intern. In the event of a medical emergency or illness, the student must notify their SLP master clinician as soon as possible with the goal of notifying the SLP master clinician at least 24 hours in advance of their absence in an agreed upon manner (via email, telephone, etc.). Medical documentation may be requested to support an absence, consistent with

University policy. If a student cannot attend one or more field experience days due to a medical emergency or illness, timelines to

The student is expected to arrive on time, stay focused, and participate in the designed learning activities (clinical/non-clinical). The student will only perform tasks under the supervision of their licensed SLP master clinician and must abide by the scope of practice outlined in the Scope of Practice for certified SLPAs.

**SLP Master Clinician:** Practicum site times have been assigned based upon internship site availability. No change to the schedule may be made without the approval of the student's SLP master clinician and the program coordinator. SLP master clinicians must be on site and available to supervise sessions at all times and s/he must provide at least 50% direct supervision for sessions involving direct client contact.

**Appearance:** Students are expected to be clean, free of strong scents and odors, and dress appropriately for the clinical setting. Attire should be discussed with the licensed SLP master clinician to ensure appropriate dress for the assigned clinical duties.

**Clinic Handbook:** The Clinic Handbook will be provided at the start of the semester. Students are responsible for following the policies and procedures described in the clinic handbook.

**Schedule:** A schedule of suggested timelines and activities is provided in the clinic handbook, pages 16-19. Students must review the schedule and timeline to ensure that competencies can be achieved.

**Grading Policy:** A passing grade for clinic performance is based on the Final Clinical Competency Form that is completed by the SLP master clinician (See Clinical Competencies, in the Clinic Handbook and below). Students and SLP master clinicians should review this form BEFORE clinic starts so that s/he aware of all items that will become part of the assessment for this clinic and so that the student can be evaluated on each of the competencies listed on the form. The Clinical Competency form will be completed by the SLP master clinician at midterm and at the end of the fieldwork experience, but it is the final Clinical Competency Report on which the clinic grade is based. **A passing grade for the fieldwork experience is a B- or higher.** A passing grade is obtained by achieving a rating of 4.0 or better on the average of the competency items scored (i.e., items rated a score of 1-5). Items rated as a "0" or "No basis for evaluation" are not included in the final score.

If a student needs to move to another site to complete hours, the student's final score will be an average of the competency scores for the two sites. Students must obtain a B- or better in each of the two placements to pass the clinic. Students cannot count hours for placements in which they have failed toward their license verification.

Letter grades will be based upon the following, using the average total score from the competency rating form (Part VIII - Clinical Competencies, in the Clinic Handbook):

Grading Policy

SCORE	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
4.65 - 5.00	A	<p><b><u>Exceeds Performance Expectations</u></b>                      (Minimum assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical skill/behavior well-developed, consistently demonstrated, and effectively implemented</li> <li>Demonstrates creative problem solving</li> <li>Clinical Instructor consults and provides guidance on ideas initiated by student</li> </ul>
4.50 - 4.64	A-	
4.35 – 4.49	B+	<p><b><u>Meets Performance Expectations</u></b>                      (Minimum to moderate assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical skill/behavior is developed/implemented most of the time, but needs continued refinement or consistency</li> <li>Student can problem solve and self-evaluate adequately in-session</li> <li>Clinical Instructor acts as a collaborator to plan and suggest possible alternatives</li> </ul>
4.15 – 4.34	B	
4.00 – 4.14	B-	
<b>A grade below this line is a fail</b>		
3.85 – 3.99	C+	<p><b><u>Needs Improvement in Performance</u></b>                      (Moderate assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inconsistently demonstrates clinical skill/behavior</li> <li>Student’s efforts to modify performance result in varying degrees of success</li> <li>Moderate and ongoing direction and/or support from Clinical Instructor required to perform effectively</li> </ul>
3.65 – 3.84	C	
3.50 – 3.64	C-	
3.35 – 3.49	D+	<p><b><u>Needs Significant Improvement in Performance</u></b>                      (Maximum assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical skill/behavior is beginning to emerge, but is inconsistent or inadequate</li> <li>Student is aware of need to modify behavior, but is unsure of how to do so</li> <li>Maximum amount of direction and support from clinical Supervisor required to perform effectively.</li> </ul>
3.15 – 3.34	D	
3.00 – 3.14	D-	
0 – 2.99	F	<p><b><u>Unacceptable Performance</u></b>                      (Maximum assistance is not effective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical skill/behavior is not evident most of the time</li> <li>Student is unaware of need to modify behavior and requires ongoing direct instruction from Clinical Instructor to do so</li> <li>Specific direction from Clinical Instructor does not alter unsatisfactory performance</li> </ul>

## Course Policies/Procedures:

1. **Attendance:** While much of the material for this class can be completed at the student's preferred pace, professional attendance is required for Zoom meetings. Students are encouraged to attend all scheduled Zoom meetings and to take advantage of every opportunity for learning within the context of the class. Your grade will not be reduced if you are sick and unable to attend synchronous lectures. However, you are encouraged to attend.
2. **Students are responsible for all materials covered in their absence.** Materials for this course will be posted on Canvas. Students are responsible for accessing and locating materials and downloading appropriate resources to learn the material for this class. Internet access is required. As within a given week, course materials may be completed at the students' leisure.
3. **Class meetings, participation and "Netiquette":** It is expected that students will complete all readings prior to class. Teaching strategies will include lecture posted videos and functional assignments composed of clinical simulation. Active listening, critical thinking, and discussion (through Zoom or discussion posts) are expected in this course. Students are strongly encouraged to take notes by hand to aid in the retention of knowledge. Grades for this class are earned. Students are not permitted to email the instructor with requests to "bump up" a grade.
4. **Technology use:** It is a course expectation that students will participate fully in class discussion and give classmates and discussion full and undivided attention. Students are not permitted to engage in other homework or extracurricular activities during class time. "Multitasking" will not be permitted. Please silence your cellphone to avoid distractions during class time.
5. **Recording:** To facilitate students' learning (practice in note-taking) and out of respect for fellow classmates (to allow all students to feel comfortable actively participating in class discussion), students are not permitted to audio or video record lectures. If students require an accommodation and additional support in note-taking, please see the instructor.
6. **Exams:** Examinations will be posted in Canvas and must be completed during the scheduled timeframe. There will be four midterm exams. Examinations will be based on class lectures, assigned readings, class activities/homework, and discussions. Exams may be composed of multiple choice, true/false, matching and/or short answer questions. Information about study guides is presented below. In the case of a documented medical emergency prior to the midterm, the student will be required to notify the instructor in advance of the exam and provide documentation of the illness/injury or emergency. Make-up exams will be scheduled during dead week and may be essay format. Students who fail to complete one or more of the exams by the last day of the final exam period may receive a "0" on their exam(s) as per instructor discretion.

I (We) understand that taking exams during the *regular* class period can be restrictive and does not address the myriad of environments students are taking their exams in. To address this specifically, the "availability" of exams will be across a period of 3 days (72 hours). The time to take the exam, once students begin, will remain consistent with the class period time (i.e., 75mins). Students, however, have the flexibility to take their exam **at any time during the availability period**. For example, if a student's home environment and availability best correspond to 11:30pm on a Wednesday or 6:00am on Friday, the student will be able to control for this.

Please note that each student remains individually responsible for being aware of their exam dates and times posted in the course syllabus.

Online exams via Canvas: Quizzes are to be completed **independently**, though students may utilize their individual notes and texts. It is expected that students will maintain all aspects of academic integrity.

7. **Study Guides:** Each semester, students request a study guide. Focus questions have been provided to guide students' ability to think critically about a given topic, but these questions are in no way an exhaustive list of all material to be studied. Due to the fact that the course material is not conducive to simply memorizing terms and definitions (but rather applying concepts learned throughout other aspects of the speech-language pathology and audiology program), students are encouraged to develop their own personal study guide for this class to best support their learning. Students may wish to develop charts to compare/contrast key terms, and are encouraged to pay close attention to being able to describe

relationships between etiologies of different disorders and make decisions about assessments given case scenarios. Students are encouraged to always keep in mind that critical thinking is a key component to assessment and a given case scenario can have many different correct answers.

8. **Course Evaluations:** This class was developed and reworked over several months and is continually modified with the aim to promote student learning and to promote knowledgeable students' entry into graduate programs. At the completion of the course, each student is expected to comment on the nature of this course. This procedure allows the instructor to modify segments of the course in order to make it more applicable to future students' educational and professional growth. A link has also been posted in Canvas so that students have the ability to give anonymous feedback regarding the course, and this year, specifically related to remote instruction. Students are encouraged to use this modality as a direct and appropriate means of voicing concerns. Your voice matters.
9. **Health & Safety Information:** If you are sick, stay home and do not attend class. Notify your instructor. Please self-diagnose if you are experiencing any COVID- like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, loss of smell or taste, nausea, diarrhea, or headache) or have had exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID contact Student Health & Counseling Services (SHCS) at 916-278-6461 to receive guidance and/or medical care. You are asked to report any possible COVID related illnesses/exposures to SHCS via this link COVID-19 Illness/Exposure Report Form: <https://sacstateshcs.wufoo.com/forms/covid19-illnessexposure-report/> Expect a call from SHCS within 24 hours. The CDC provides a good source of information regarding COVID-19 and a way to self-check symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## Additional Information

### Commitment to Integrity:

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

### Sac State's Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures:

"The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of scholars and teachers. California State University, Sacramento expects that both faculty and students will honor these principles, and in so doing, will protect the integrity of academic work and student grades." Read more about Sac State's Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures at the following website: <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/stu-0100.htm>

**Definitions:** At Sac State, "cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means." **Plagiarism** is a form of cheating. At Sac State, "plagiarism is the use of distinctive ideas or works belonging to another person without providing adequate acknowledgement of that person's contribution." Source: Sacramento State University Library Note: Any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, shall be reported to the [Office of Student Conduct](#).

### Department Policy on Use of APA format

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders requires the use of the APA format and style. All students are required to reference the APA manual. All assignments are to be composed using APA format and style unless otherwise noted.

### Understand When You May Drop This Course:

It is the student's responsibility to understand when he/she need to consider disenrolling from a course. Refer to the Sac State Course Schedule for dates and deadlines for registration. After this period, a serious and compelling reason is required to drop from the course. Serious and compelling reasons include: (a) documented and significant change in work hours, leaving student unable to attend class, or (b) documented and severe physical/mental

illness/injury to the student or student's family. Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned if there is a compelling extenuating circumstance. All incomplete course assignments must be completed by the department's policy.

#### Inclusivity:

Students in this class are encouraged to be active participants in all aspects of the course, including but not limited to lectures, synchronous and asynchronous activities, discussion posts, etc. Each of us must show respect for each other, as our class represents a diversity of beliefs, backgrounds, and experiences. This enriches all of our learning experiences together. Our individual differences deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. In this class, people of all ethnicities, genders and gender identities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, and nationalities are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. If you feel your differences may in some way isolate you from our classroom community, or if you have a specific need, please contact the instructor early in the semester. Your instructor will work with you to ensure that you become an active and engaged member of our class and community.

#### Equal Access:

California State University-Sacramento, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you have a documented disability and verification from the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD), and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation of disability to SSWD and meet with a SSWD counselor to request special accommodation before classes start. **Sacramento State Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD)** offers a wide range of support services and accommodations for students in order to ensure students with disabilities have equal access and opportunity to pursue their educational goals. Working collaboratively with students, faculty, staff and administrators, SSWD provides consultation and serves as the information resource on disability related issues to the campus community. SSWD is located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 (Voice) or (916) 278-7239 (TDD only) or via email at [sswd@csus.edu](mailto:sswd@csus.edu).

#### Title IX

Sac State is committed to supporting students and fostering a campus environment free of sexual misconduct and gender-based discrimination. If a student chooses to disclose to a faculty or staff member an experience related to sexual misconduct which includes rape, relationship violence, or stalking, all faculty and staff are obligated to report this disclosure to the university's Title IX Coordinator. Sac State's Title IX Coordinator is Mary Lee Vance. Please email [equalopportunity@csus.edu](mailto:equalopportunity@csus.edu) or (916) 278-5770. Upon receipt of the report, the Title IX Coordinator will contact you to inform you of your rights and options as a survivor and connect you with support resources, including resolution options for holding accountable the person who harmed you. Students who elect not to discuss their experience with the Title IX Coordinator can speak confidentially to the following confidential resources:  
Student Health & Counseling Services at The WELL On Campus  
Phone Number: 916-278-6461  
Website: [www.csus.edu/shcs](http://www.csus.edu/shcs)

Campus Confidential Advocate – Laura Swartzen

Email: [weave@csus.edu](mailto:weave@csus.edu)

On Campus Phone Number: 916-278-5850 (during business hours)

WEAVE 24/7 Hotline: 916-920-2952

#### Basic Needs Support

If you are experiencing challenges with food, housing, financial or other unique circumstances that are impacting your education, help is just a phone call or email away! The CARES office provides case management support for



any enrolled student. Email the CARES office at [cares@csus.edu](mailto:cares@csus.edu) to speak with a case manager about the resources available to you. Check out the [CARES website](#).

#### Other Resources

- The Office of Student Affairs maintains a list of campus resources/centers: <https://www.csus.edu/center/>
- Testing Center: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/testing-center/>
- Library: <https://library.csus.edu/> for consultation : Rachel Stark, MS, AHIP, [stark@csus.edu](mailto:stark@csus.edu)
- Services to Students with Disabilities: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/services-students-disabilities/>
- Student Health and Counseling Services at The WELL: <https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/>
- Student Academic Success and Education Equity Programs: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/retention-academic-success/>
- Crisis Assistance and Resource Education Support (CARES): <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/>
- CHHS Student Success Center: <https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/student-success/>
- Reading & Writing Center: <https://www.csus.edu/undergraduate-studies/writing-program/reading-writing-center.html>
- Peer & Academic Resource Center: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/peer-academic-resource/>
- SMART Thinking (tutoring resource): <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/degrees-project/internal/documents/smarthinking.pdf>

## Online Learning

For additional information, please review the [CSAD Handbooks](#) website <https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/student-resources.html>

Zoom/ Online Instruction privacy and relevant rights and responsibilities:

Any time that a class session is recorded during the COVID-19-related Remote Instruction Period, students will be notified. If students do not want their likeness during class participation included in the recorded class session, they may elect to not participate via video recordings. Recordings will be available for viewing during the Remote Instruction Period subject to the following:

Only students enrolled in the subject class during the Remote Instruction Period may view the recording.

- Students may not post or use the recordings in any other setting (e.g., social media) for any purpose.

Students who violate this will be subject to student discipline, up to and including expulsion.

- Federal and California law as well as University policies protecting intellectual property rights and use of instructional materials (including any recordings of class sessions) remain in effect during the Remote Instruction Period.
- If faculty have any plan to use the recording for a different class in the future, the faculty member will need written FERPA consent from those students in the current class who are identifiable in any of the recordings. A FERPA consent form signed by all students in the course will also be needed if the recordings are made available to others beyond the classroom on a nonsecure digital platform.

### Important Tips for Success as an Online Learner

There are some basic technical skills and requirements that you will need to have to be successful in this online course. If you have difficulties using Canvas, please go through the [Canvas Student Tour](#).

- ***Begin planning now for private, uninterrupted time in your schedule*** to complete the assignments – preferably in at least one-hour blocks and at least three times a week. It can be easy to fall behind!
- *Check your email account regularly* for updated information. We will be using your Saclink email account for communication. Use Saclink e-mail for private messages to the instructor and other students.
- Read directions carefully.
- For online communication, conventions of on-line etiquette ("netiquette"), which include a courtesy to all users, will be observed. Please see [Guidelines for Online Discussions](#).

### Attitudes & Technical Skills Required

You will find that the following attitude will significantly contribute to your success in this online class:

- A positive attitude towards technology
- An open mind towards online education
- Willingness to share your experiences with others
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills for when you "get stuck"
- Resourcefulness - don't be afraid to click on links and explore and ask questions
- Time management

Online learning requires only basic technical skills:

- Be competent with file management (for example, creating a folder on your desktop, moving files from one location to another, finding a saved file)
- Possess internet navigation skills
- Update your Internet browser
- Send and receive email
- Create and save documents (Word, PowerPoint, Excel or HTML)
- Toggle between two open software applications on your computer
- Copy text from a word processing program and paste them into another program

### Technical Assistance

Seek help when you can't access Canvas or class materials.

- For technical assistance, contact the IRT Help Desk. Visit AIRC 2005 during [open hours](#) to speak with the IRT Service Desk Team, or call (916)278-7337. [IRT website](#).
- For assistance with course materials, contact your instructor

### Spam and Phishing Scams

- Learn how to stay safe and protect yourself from hackers who may try to access your personal information:

[Don't Fall for a Phishing Scam](#)

- Use anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-malware software. [Sac State's Software and Tools](#) available for download.
- Use pins and passwords to secure your computer and devices- don't share your password with anyone. Use strong passwords that include a combination of letters and numbers that no one can guess.

## Canvas Student App

Canvas is fully functional on many types of smartphones and tablets. Compatible devices include platforms such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, and Android. However, it is recommended that you do not solely rely on one of these devices to complete your online course work. Access to a computer is still needed for many online activities. Visit the [Mobile section](#) of the [Canvas Guides](#) website for more information.

## Clinical Objectives and Associated Competencies

### Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Instructions: Use this form to provide on-going assessment and/or final evaluation of competencies. The ratings are:

- 5 = Demonstrates the competency consistently. Performs independently at least 90% of the time.  
 4 = Competency is emerging. Demonstrates competency 67%-90% of the time.  
 3 = Competency is present at times. Demonstrates competency 50%-75% of the time.  
 2 = Competency is present at times. Requires direct instruction or modeling at least 50% of the time.  
 1 = Competency needs work. Performs only with direct instruction or modeling.  
 N/A = No basis for evaluation.

#### **Objective 1: Effectively prepares for sessions**

- a. Reads client's charts & is aware of pertinent information.
- b. Demonstrates knowledge of client's goals & objectives
- c. Selects materials and tasks that are appropriate for addressing goals &
- d. Demonstrates evidence of careful planning in advance of sessions.
- e. Reviews textbooks, course notes, and assessment and treatment methods to prepare for clinic.
- f. Discusses client goals and objectives with SLP Master Clinician.

#### **Objective 2: Conducts systematic screening sessions**

- a. Prepares screening area and instruments appropriately.
- b. Presents instructions and stimuli according to client's age & functional ability, using age-appropriate language and effective communication
- c. Administers screening measures according to protocols.
- d. Accurately records responses.
- e. Completes screenings within reasonable time frame.
- f. Assists the SLP Master Clinician with speech, language, and hearing screenings without clinical interpretation.
- g. Assists the SLP with bilingual translation during screening and assessment activities exclusive of interpretation
- h. Refers to Knowledge and Skills needed by Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- i. Serves as interpreter for patients/clients/students and families who do not speak English.

#### **Total Score for Objective 2**

#### **Objective 3: Conducts effective therapy sessions**

- a. Provides appropriate instructions and explanation of tasks.
- b. Identifies and uses materials that are motivating to the client and achieve the treatment goals.
- c. Provides accurate & immediate feedback to client, as appropriate.
- d. Presents stimuli at an appropriate pace.
- e. Accurately observes & records responses.

- f. Follows documented treatment plans or protocols developed by the SLP Master Clinician.
- g. Uses appropriate models, prompts or cues. Allows time for client response.
- h. Provides an appropriate dosage of intervention trials in a given session.
- i. Documents student, patient, and client performance (e.g., tallying data for the SLP to use; preparing charts, records, and graphs) to allow SLP Master Clinician to track client progress.
- j. Communicates with SLP Master Clinician to approve the modification of intervention plans, strategies, materials, or instrumentation to meet client needs.
- k. Knows and practices within the SLPA scope of practice regarding communication with to client/family.
- l. Identifies areas of concern and conveys concerns to SLP Master Clinician as appropriate.
- m. Understands scope of practice for guidance and treatment via telepractice to students, patients, and clients who are selected by the supervising SLP as appropriate for this service delivery model.
- n. Programs and provides instruction in the use of augmentative and alternative communication devices.

### **Total Score for Objective 3**

#### **Objective 4: Demonstrates professional work behaviors**

- a. Self-identifies as SLPA student intern to families, students, patients, clients, staff, and others. This may be done verbally, in writing, and/or with titles on name badges. Wears name/title badge consistently.
- b. Makes changes to screening and therapy plans only as directed by SLP.
- c. Demonstrates awareness of duties and responsibilities of SLPA.
- d. Seeks assistance as appropriate.
- e. Performs paperwork within the SLPA Scope of Practice.
- f. Completes all work in a time-efficient manner.
- g. Conducts all clinical activities in an ethical, lawful and responsible manner.
- h. Effectively communicates with professionals, clients, and caregivers and SLP Master Clinician.
- i. Possesses knowledge of contemporary professional issues and advocacy (includes trends in professional practice, and ASHA practice policies and guidelines.)
- j. Reviews books, research articles and lecture notes pertinent to clinical caseload to ensure adherence to evidence-based clinical practices.
- k. Establishes an effective therapeutic relationship with the client and caregivers (i.e. emotionally-safe, promotes fairness, respect and supports productive treatment sessions.)
- l. Is prepared to discuss paperwork coherently, effectively and submits forms promptly.
- m. Communicates effectively, recognizing the needs, values, preferred mode of communication, and cultural/linguistic background of the client, family, caregiver, and relevant others.
- n. Implements advice/guidelines/recommendations of the SLP Master Clinician promptly.
- o. Collaborates with other professionals in case management within the SLPA scope of practice
- p. Provides services under SLP supervision in another language for individuals who do not speak English and English-language learners.
- q. Adheres to the ASHA Code of Ethics and conducts him or herself in a professional, ethical manner.
- r. Complies with the clinic/school or organization dress code.
- s. Notifies the SLP Master Clinician of any client or clinician absences, as appropriate
- t. Is prompt with the initiation of and termination of each therapy session.
- u. Sufficient preparation has been given to each session.
- v. Maintains client confidentiality and complies with HIPAA regulations.
- w. Maintains awareness of and complies with clinic/school policies.

### **Total Score for Objective 4**

**Objective 5: Professional Documentation Under SLPA Scope of Practice**

- a. Exhibits compliance with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations for the clinic or educational site, as appropriate.
- b. Edits to ensure documentation is free of errors in sentence structure, grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization.
- c. Written work adheres to the SLP Master Clinician's preferred format and is coherent and appropriate for the defined audience
- d. Writes/summarizes data for goals clearly and effectively
- e. Displays effective written communication in all professional writing.
- f. Demonstrates appropriate writing style by selecting the appropriate tone, sentence length, phrasing and use of professional terminology.
- g. Assesses his/her own charting and documentation and develops strategies for addressing weaknesses.
- h. Clearly documents the progress a client has made or lack thereof for SLP Master Clinician.

**Total Score for Objective 5**

Please review these competencies. An electronic rating form will be provided to you that is separate from this handbook to ease completion.