



California State University, Sacramento  
 Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 Master of Science Degree  
 SYLLABUS & COURSE OUTLINE

Semester/Year: Spring 2025	Course: CSAD 244 Methods: Speech -- Language Assessment.	Section: 01
Meeting Days: Thursday	Meeting Times: 9:00am-11:50 am	Location: Folsom Hall 2307
Instructor: Kelly Louney, M.S., CCC-SLP		Email: <a href="mailto:louney@csus.edu">louney@csus.edu</a>
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### Catalogue Course Description:

**CSAD 244 Methods: Speech -- Language Assessment.**

**1 Unit**

**Prerequisite(s):** [CSAD 147](#) or equivalent; [CSAD 228B](#), [CSAD 242B](#); instructor permission.

**Corequisite(s):** [CSAD 245](#).

Methods and materials for initial assessment in Speech-Language Pathology.

### Sacramento State Graduate Learning Goals (GLG)

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<b>Disciplinary knowledge:</b> <i>Master, integrate, and apply disciplinary knowledge and skills to current, practical, and important contexts and situations.</i>	Y
<b>Communication:</b> <i>Communicate key knowledge with clarity and purpose both within the discipline and in broader contexts.</i>	Y
<b>Critical thinking/analysis:</b> <i>Demonstrate the ability to be creative, analytical, and critical thinkers.</i>	Y
<b>Information literacy:</b> <i>Demonstrate the ability to obtain, assess, and analyze information from a myriad of sources.</i>	Y
<b>Professionalism:</b> <i>Demonstrate an understanding of professional integrity.</i>	Y
<b>Intercultural/Global Perspectives:</b> <i>Demonstrate relevant knowledge and application of intercultural and/or global perspectives.</i>	Y

### Expected Learning Outcomes (ELO)

Mastery of each student-learning outcome listed below is indicated by a grade of B 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 B. 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.

Course Learning Outcome	Components Indicating Competence	Grades Received
1. Discuss and compare the usefulness of various standardized and non-standardized testing instruments, including systematic observation. This will be evaluated by the verbal contributions made in the classroom.	Assessment Comparison Attendance	
2. Write a comprehensive, yet succinct, Assessment Plan for an individual client. These plans will be presented in written and verbal format to the class on the week prior to the actual assessment. Plans will be evaluated on appropriateness to the client, comprehensiveness, and whether or not the plan is time efficient. Oral presentations will be graded on clarity of presentation.	Written Assessment Plans	
3. Verbally exchange ideas and information with classmates regarding the pros and cons of any one particular standardized and/or non-standardized testing instrument for evaluating any one client, utilizing a "Grand Rounds" approach.	Assessment Comparison Verbal Presentations Attendance	
4. Discuss the purpose and format of the Diagnostic Summary in a client report.	Verbal Presentations Attendance	
5. Evaluate client questionnaires and historical information using critical thinking and	Written Assessment Plans	

decision making to develop assessment plans.		
6. Present assessment plans to the class in a collaborative and Grand Rounds manner and for the purpose of receiving collaborative feedback.	Verbal Presentations Attendance	

## CSUS CSAD MS Program Learning Outcomes

The course must provide Competency Enriched Activities (e.g., content and opportunities) for students to learn so that each student can **demonstrate professional attributes and abilities**. To that end, identifying and articulating the ASHA Professional Competencies and Foundational Knowledge, and/or clinical skills that you acquire in this course and during your time at Sac State are critical to becoming career ready and your success both as a student and post-graduation. In this syllabus, assignments, readings, in-class activities, and exams are all opportunities where you can enhance and gain the professional and foundational competencies and skills that employers are seeking and the field requires. This will occur throughout this course including class conversations and will contribute to your ability to identify and articulate these competencies and skills when applying for leadership roles, internships, employment, doctoral programs, fellowships, and more. Note: Failure to meet professional competencies may result in an Academic Performance Improvement Plan (A-PIP) or Clinical Performance Improvement Plan (C-PIP).

<b>CSUS CSAD MS Program Learning Outcomes</b>		
<b>Competency Area:</b>	<b>Examples of Skills to be Demonstrated:</b>	<b>Competency Enriched Activity (CEA)</b>
<b>Accountability:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to the professional codes of ethics, the speech-language pathology scope of practice documents, professional fiduciary responsibility for each client/patient/student served, and federal state, and institutional regulations and policies related to the profession of speech-language pathology and its services, including compliance with confidentiality issues related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comply with all HIPAA and FERPA requirements.</li> <li>Comply with all of ASHA's code of ethics.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinic Orientation</li> <li>Internship Orientation</li> <li>Professional Development Series</li> <li>Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> <li>All CSU Compliance Trainings, completed by the end of the first week of the semester</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differentiate service delivery models based on practice sites (e.g., hospital, school, private practice).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate understanding of SLP service differences between employment settings.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">&lt;Insert text here&gt;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate understanding of differences between levels of care in medical SLP services.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of their actions and make appropriate changes as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate awareness, understanding, and ability to perform professional problem solving, communication repair, and resolution including on-time behaviors for clinic, notes, assignments, meetings, orientations, misunderstandings, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p>&lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the health care and education landscapes and how to facilitate access to services in both sectors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate understanding and ability to advocate for clients/loved ones across the lifespan.</li> <li>• Educate and facilitate client/family self-advocacy knowledge and skills.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p>&lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<b>Effective Communication Skills</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the ability to communicate in a responsive and responsible manner with clients/patients/students, communities, and interprofessional team colleagues and other professionals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate active listening skills, respect, and understanding of multiple perspectives in all written and/or oral communications.</li> <li>• Respond to others in a timely, thoughtful, considerate, reflective, and respectful manner.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p>&lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence-Based Practice</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access and critically evaluate information sources, apply information to appropriate populations, and integrate evidence in provision of speech-language pathology services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify, discuss, use, and integrate EBP into all aspects of clinical work and plan of care including assessments, therapeutic approaches, goals, education, counseling, etc..</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>This Course:</u></b></p> <p>&lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b><u>The Program:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Duty</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of one’s own role and those of other professions to appropriately assess and address the needs of the individuals and populations served.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the role that an SLP performs in all clinical services</li> <li>• Demonstrate understanding and ability to provide the highest level of care in meeting the needs of clients including the provision of education, resources, home exercise programs, counseling, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This Course:</b> &lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b>The Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of the roles and importance of interdisciplinary/ interprofessional assessment and intervention and be able to interact and coordinate care effectively with other disciplines and community resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the four domain areas of IPE (CERT).</li> <li>• Recognize and model respect, teamwork, collaboration, and professionalism with other disciplines.</li> <li>• Educate and advocate for the profession with other disciplines during all interactions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This Course:</b> &lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b>The Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of the roles and importance of individual and collective (e.g., local, national organizations) advocacy for clients/patients/students’ right to care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and perform the role of an advocate</li> <li>• Advocate at all levels for those that our profession serves.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This Course:</b> &lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b>The Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate knowledge of the role of clinical teaching and clinical modeling as well as supervision of students and other support personnel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand, acknowledge, respect, and learn from clinical instructors and supervisors.</li> <li>• Model and perform professionalism when interacting with all clinic assistants and staff.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This Course:</b> &lt;Insert text here&gt;</p> <p><b>The Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Orientation</li> <li>• Internship Orientation</li> <li>• Professional Development Series</li> <li>• Interprofessional Education (IPE) Learning Experiences</li> </ul>

## Textbooks, Materials, and Online Resources:

<Insert text here. A list or links to required texts, instructional and technology materials to be used throughout the course, including technology requirements (e.g., access to specific software applications and learning management system (LMS)). When materials will be provided electronically, this requirement may be satisfied by providing information in the syllabus regarding where links to required instructional materials may be accessed. For example, by including the statement: "Links to required readings and videos can be found in Canvas">

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## Course Requirements/Components:

<Insert text here. Include: Course format description including details on expectations related to synchronous, asynchronous or hybrid instruction.>

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## Grading Policy:

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### CSUS Grading Policy

The CSUS Grading Policy (Policy# 11476953) can be found at:  
<https://sacramentostate.policystat.com/policy/11476953/latest>

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EXAMPLE

Source	Points	% of Grade

Letter grades are assigned according to the following scores

Points	%	Letter
		A
		A-
		B+
		B
		B-
		C+
		C
		C-
		D+
		D
		D-
		F

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# Attendance Policy

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## Course Policies/Procedures:

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## Course Schedule/Outline:

<Insert text here.>

Date	Topic/Class Content	Readings	Assignment/Activities	

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## Hornet Honor Code

<https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/internal/documents/hornet-honor-code.pdf>

As proud members and representatives of the Sacramento State Hornet community, we commit ourselves to actively promoting honesty, integrity, respect, and care for every person, ensuring a welcoming campus environment, and striving to help every member of our Hornet family feel a strong sense of belonging.

As Hornets, we will:

- Promote an inclusive campus and community
  - Listen and respect each other's thoughts, interests, and views Value diversity and learn from one another
  - Engage daily with mutual trust, care, and integrity
  - Support a culture of honor and adhere to campus policies for honesty, ethics, and conduct
  - Be proud to be Sac State Hornets.
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## 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.

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## 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:

<https://sacramentostate.policystat.com/policy/11300038/latest>

**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, may be reported to the office of student affairs.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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 Disability Access Center (DAC), 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 Disability Access Center (DAC)** 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, DAC provides consultation and serves as the information resource on disability related issues to the campus community. DAC 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 [dac@csus.edu](mailto:dac@csus.edu) Additional information can be found on the DAC website: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/disability-access-center/>

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## Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES) Support

If you are experiencing challenges in the area of food and/or stable housing, help is just a click, email or phone call away! Sacramento State offers basic needs support for students who are experiencing challenges in these areas. Please visit our Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES) website to learn more about your



options and resources available. <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/>

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## Title IX

The University requires faculty and staff to report any personal disclosures of sexual misconduct including rape, dating/domestic violence and stalking to the Title IX Coordinator. Students who do not wish to report their experience to me or the Title IX Coordinator may speak to someone confidentially by contacting Student Health and Counseling Services.

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: <https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/counseling/>

Campus Confidential Advocate 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

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## 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/testing/>

Library: <https://library.csus.edu/>

Student Health and Counseling Services at The WELL: <https://www.csus.edu/shcs/>

Sacramento State Disability Access Center (DAC): <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/disability-access-center/>

Peer & Academic Resource Center: <https://www.csus.edu/parc/>

Student Academic Success and Education Equity Programs: <https://www.csus.edu/saseep/>

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>

SMART Thinking (tutoring resource): <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/degrees-project/internal/documents/smarthinking.pdf>

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## Knowledge And Skills Acquisition (KASA) For Certification in Speech-Language Pathology

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ASHA Knowledge And Skills Acquisition (KASA) tracking for courses and clinics in the MS program can be found online in the student's CALIPSO account.

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