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Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Department of
Communication Disorders

Introduction

Welcome to the Department of Communication Disorders at Texas State University and your time as a student clinician in the graduate program. This includes time spent as a student clinician in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic (SLHC) and at extern sites. The faculty and staff are here to help you. Our goal is to provide a high-quality education that will enable you to meet the demands of the professional world.

This manual outlines the policies and general operating procedures of the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and externship placement. You are responsible for knowing the information contained herein, as well as the information contained in the university catalog under which you were admitted to the program.

This manual is subject to revision at the discretion of the department. Students are encouraged to make suggestions as needed to the Department Chair or Clinic Co-directors regarding content and wording. Any policies that are revised during the year will be posted on the Department of Communication Disorders website at <https://www.health.txst.edu/cdis/about-us-our-history/cdis-policies-procedures.html>. In all cases, it is the faculty and students' responsibility to be aware of current operating policies and procedures.

This manual is reviewed at least annually and will be updated as needed.

General Operation of the Speech- Language- Hearing Clinic

1. Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Operating Hours

1.1. **PURPOSE:** To specify the normal operating hours for the Clinic Reception Area/Clinic Offices (WH 110) and the Clinic Treatment Areas (WH South 113-124; and WH North 130-148).

1.2. **POLICY:** The Speech-Language-Hearing clinic is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, during the fall, spring, and summer semesters, with the exception of official school holidays, unless otherwise posted. Operating hours may vary during summer semesters.

1.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

1.3.1. Operating hours for the current semester will be posted on the 1st level of Willow Hall.

1.3.2. Changes to operating hours will also be posted in advance of the change, and all clinic stakeholders will be notified.

1.3.3. Graduate Student Clinicians have access to Willow Hall and the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic via their official Texas State University Student ID card. Access is available 24/7 for all first-year graduate students (on campus) and is restricted to a specified number of second-year graduate students and undergraduate students participating in clinical or academic activities in either the Fall or Spring semester.

2. Lockers for CDIS Graduate Students

2.1. PURPOSE: To specify the process for locker assignment and student responsibilities

2.2. POLICY: Each CDIS graduate student is assigned a locker in the student workroom (Willow Hall Room 126) during their 1st year of graduate school.

2.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

2.3.1. The Clinic Coordinator assigns lockers and distributes one locker key to each assigned student.

2.3.2. Students will be charged \$50.00 for locker key replacement.

2.3.3. Students are responsible for returning their locker key to the Clinic Coordinator prior to their first off-campus practicum.

2.3.4. If necessary, an administrative assistant, the Clinic Coordinator, a Clinical Educator, the Clinic Co-directors, or the Department Chair may open any locker to search for client documents, test protocols, or other departmentally owned/client-related material such as a report draft, etc.

3. Use of Computer Facilities by CDIS Student Clinicians

3.1. PURPOSE: To specify the computer facilities available in Willow Hall for use by student clinicians and the rules for using these facilities.

3.2. POLICY: Graduate student clinicians may use the computers in WH 126 and WH 131 in the clinic area for management of clinical cases ONLY. This includes clinical documentation (MAPs, summary drafts, and clinic-related tasks). Clinical documentation in the EMR may also be done on departmentally owned devices. Portable devices may be checked out daily, but use is limited to the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and the Graduate workroom in Willow Hall. All other academic work (related to non-clinic classes) must be completed on personal devices or computers available in open-access computer labs (e.g., Avery 303). Additionally, only bottled water or water in a closable container is permitted in the clinic. Food storage or consumption for non-clinical activities is prohibited.

3.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

3.3.1. Students should be proficient in the use of applications required for clinical practice. This includes the ability to open and send email, use of applications in Microsoft 365, and Adobe for basic documentation. If assistance is necessary, contact the IT Help Desk either by phone at 512-245-4822 [or online/livechat](#).

3.3.2. Students should be proficient in the use of the clinic's electronic medical records system. Students must reference the Support Manual provided to them and consult with their clinical educator or the Clinic Coordinator for any troubleshooting needs. If the student and CE are unable to proceed, the CE will contact the designated CDIS departmental EMR support person.

3.3.2.1. Students must understand and comply with the [Texas State University Computer Use Policies. UPPS 04.01.07](#). Appropriate Use of Information Resources clearly outlines the university's expectations regarding the use of its computing, network, and other information resources and specifies prohibited behaviors.

3.3.3. Students should report any computer, scanner, or printer problems in WH 126/131 to the Clinic Coordinator immediately, who will report the problem to the College of Health Professions technology support team.

3.3.4. When using a computer to produce clinical records, students must maintain client confidentiality and adhere to [UPPS 04.01.01, Security of Texas State Information Resources](#) (the university's computer use policy).

3.3.4.1. Clinical documents are to be stored in password-protected files and directories only. Clinical document drafts must be stored on a secure electronic platform (e.g., N: drive) hosted by Texas State University. Drafts will be edited electronically in the file share, on campus.

- 3.3.4.2. Clinical records containing protected health information (PHI) may not be transferred to removable/portable devices (phone, USB storage device, iPad, tablet or laptop) under any circumstances.
- 3.3.4.3. Clinical documents containing protected health information (PHI) may be shared via the EMR Patient Portal only with proper authorization from the patient/client. Documents requested by outside agencies not having EMR accounts may be emailed or mailed by an authorized staff or faculty member.
- 3.3.4.4. Students must log-out of their workstation anytime they leave the workstation with clinical records and confidential information displayed or accessible. In other words, confidential information is not to be left unattended on computer screens. Workstations may not be “locked” to reserve them for later use.
- 3.3.5. If students use the CDIS, university-owned computers, scanners, and printers in Willow Hall for any purposes other than for the generation and modification of clinical records, or the generation of clinic materials to be used with clients, the following consequences may be imposed:
 - 3.3.5.1. First Offense: Student will meet with the Clinic Co-directors to review policies and procedures. A written counseling statement will be placed in the student’s permanent file.
 - 3.3.5.2. Second Offense: Student will lose computer privileges for a week, resulting in the potential loss of clinical hours and reduced performance ratings on clinical competencies for late documentation. A second written counseling statement will be placed in the student’s permanent file. Reduced clinical hours and clinical ratings may result in an alternative graduation date.
 - 3.3.5.3. Third Offense: Student will lose computer privileges for the semester resulting in a failing grade in CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, 5321 and/or 5689, 5690. The student will be referred to the Program Standards Committee to determine future action and possible dismissal from the program.

4. Security and Storage of Electronic Documents containing PHI outside of the EMR

4.1. PURPOSE: To define and specify how CDIS clinical records are to be stored electronically on approved CDIS computer workstations, as well as describe security measures in place to protect confidential information.

4.2. POLICY: Student clinicians will use ONLY the computers in WH 126/131, as well as assigned portable devices, to compose and edit ALL clinical documents relative to patient care (drafts and final copies of SOAP notes, progress reports, diagnostic reports, management appraisal plans (MAP), and patient/caregiver correspondence). Clinical records will be generated and stored exclusively on a secure electronic platform (e.g. N: drive) hosted by Texas State and as instructed by the Clinical Educator(s) and Clinic Co-directors. None of the clinical records are to be transmitted to or stored on individual tablets, laptops, or individual U drives. Documents will be accessible only by using a Texas State Net ID and a password known only to the individual student, in accordance with [UPPS 04.01.01](#). All EPHI is stored remotely on secure servers managed by university IT security personnel.

4.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

4.3.1. When using computers in WH 126/131 or the portable devices within Willow Hall to generate clinical records, students must maintain client confidentiality at all times:

4.3.1.1. Clinical records outside of the EMR are to be stored in password-protected files only on the designated file share location provided by the Director of Clinical Operations.

4.3.1.2. Students must log in using only their Texas State Net ID and unique password. Duo, a verification application, is used by the university after this login.

4.3.1.3. Clinical records containing protected health information (PHI) may not be copied, transferred, or emailed to removable/portable media **under any circumstances.**

4.3.1.4. Clinical records containing protected health information (PHI) may not be transmitted by e-mail unless written consent is obtained, and proper releases have been signed by the parent, legal guardian, or competent client.

4.3.1.5. Students must log out of their workstation anytime they leave the workspace or are not actively editing the clinical documents. In other words, confidential information is not to be left unattended on computer screens.

4.3.2. Students using personal laptops to access a university network containing confidential clinical documents may not, under any circumstances, transfer clinical documents from the secure network to their PC, to a personal cloud storage repository, or to a personal portable storage device (i.e., jump drives, external hard drives). To maintain compliance with federal and state privacy and security laws, personal

laptops and personal portable storage devices are subject to random review by the Clinic Co-directors to assure compliance.

- 4.3.3. Students found with redacted, or unredacted clinical records that contain Protected Health Information on a personal device are subject to disciplinary action, depending on the severity of the offense. Clinical Co-directors will report any client security breach to the Department Chair. The Chair will notify the Texas State IT Security Office and report the incident. If IT Security believes that a breach has occurred, they will engage in an investigation to determine the appropriate actions to take.
- 4.3.4. The Department Chair and Clinic Co-directors will review all breaches of client confidentiality after IT Security personnel have completed their investigation. Based on their recommendations, appropriate action will be taken. Actions against the student may include, but are not limited to loss of clinical hours, loss of clinical competencies, dismissal from the program for non-academic reasons, and in severe circumstances, investigation by proper law enforcement officials. The appropriate consequences and actions will be based on the following:
 - 4.3.4.1. the seriousness of the violation(s);
 - 4.3.4.2. previous compliance history;
 - 4.3.4.3. the severity level necessary to deter future violations;
 - 4.3.4.4. student efforts to correct the violation; and
 - 4.3.4.5. any other extenuating circumstances.

5. Clinical Communication and Messages

- 5.1. PURPOSE: To specify the means by which students receive messages about clinic related business and their responsibility to check and address messages in a timely manner.
- 5.2. POLICY: To ensure adequate means of communication between clinical faculty and students enrolled in on-campus practicum, students are responsible for checking messages via mailbox (attached to locker), erasable whiteboard in the student workroom, and campus email multiple times throughout the day, Monday—Friday.
- 5.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:
 - 5.3.1. Each student enrolled in a practicum course is assigned a locker with a mailbox in WH 126. Students should check their mailboxes and messages multiple times daily.
 - 5.3.2. Messages written on the erasable board in the student workroom should be dated and timed. Messages should be erased when no longer applicable.
 - 5.3.3. Students are responsible for checking their email and for notifying the Clinic Coordinator and the ITAC Help Desk if the email account is not functioning.

6. Maintaining the Appearance of the Clinic

6.1. PURPOSE: To specify the people responsible for maintaining the appearance of the clinic area and their designated duties

6.2. POLICY: Student clinicians, faculty members, and staff are responsible for ensuring that the clinic area is clean, tidy, and maintained in a manner that is ready for public viewing and/or use at all times.

6.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

6.3.1. Each student clinician, faculty member, and clinic staff member is personally responsible for tidying and cleaning any clinic area immediately after using it.

6.3.2. At the start of each semester, a designated clinical educator will assign students (Clinic Rounds Teams) on a weekly rotating basis to check the clinic rooms at the end of each day to assure that the following are in order:

6.3.2.1. All trash is picked up from all clinic floors and deposited in appropriate receptacles.

6.3.2.2. All therapy room and observation room furniture is straightened, and whiteboards are erased unless noted otherwise on the whiteboard. All student clinicians are responsible for cleaning the tables, chairs, windows, and mirrors in their assigned rooms after each session.

6.3.2.3. Graduate student workroom is left tidy. This includes ensuring that full shredder bags are pulled, closed, and a new plastic bag put in the shredder can. Full shredder bags should be left next to the garbage bin for custodial pick-up and disposal.

6.3.2.4. The graduate student workroom is regularly cleaned, including any and all appliances.

6.3.2.5. Materials Room (WH 130) left tidy and prepared for the following day:

6.3.2.5.1. Date on disinfecting solution checked and new solution mixed if current solution date is expiring by the next clinic day.

6.3.2.5.2. Cleaning products are stored in proper cabinets, and cleaning cloths, both clean and soiled, are stored in proper receptacles.

6.3.2.5.3. Toys waiting to be disinfected are stored in proper receptacles.

6.3.2.5.4. Materials and tests are shelved appropriately.

6.3.3. The Clinic Rounds Team completes and initials the Daily Clinic Rounds form, noting any heavy cleaning, maintenance, or supply items needed, and gives the form to the Clinic Coordinator or their designee prior to leaving for the day.

6.3.4. At the end of each semester, all clinicians enrolled in CDIS 5344/5345/5346/5347 and the designated clinical faculty participate in clinic clean-up day to prepare the clinic area for the following semester. In addition to cleaning the area, participants

will inventory the Materials Room and verify that clinic equipment is in proper working order.

7. Access to the CDIS Clinic Spaces in Willow Hall After Normal Business Hours

7.1. PURPOSE: To identify and outline the purpose and procedure for accessing the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic space between 5 pm and 7:50 am, Monday through Friday; holidays, and weekends.

7.1.1. POLICY: The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is a secure area with limited access. Graduate Student Clinicians have access to Willow Hall and the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic via their official Texas State University Student ID card. Access is available 24/7 for some undergraduate students as needed for labs or research activities, all 1st-year graduate students (on campus), and restricted to a specified number of 2nd-year graduate students participating in clinical or academic activities in either the Fall or Spring semester.

7.2. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

7.2.1. Students requiring access to the clinic, including the CDIS graduate workroom and the clinic materials room after normal business hours, will access the clinic with their official Texas State ID cards.

8. Substitute Student Clinicians

8.1. PURPOSE: To set forth required guidelines for designating substitute student clinicians.

8.2. POLICY: Each student-clinician shall designate in writing at least two other student-clinicians per assigned client who have consented to substitute when absent.

8.2.1. The substitute student-clinician must have the appropriate academic coursework to provide services for the client's disorder.

8.2.2. The substitute student-clinician's normal schedule must be clear at the client's regularly scheduled therapy time.

8.2.3. The substitute student clinician must agree to function as a designated substitute and to become familiar with the client through case record review and observation of at least one client therapy session prior to a request to cover a specific session.

8.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

8.3.1. By the 5th clinic day following assignment of a client to their caseload, the student clinician shall designate appropriate substitutes, including names and telephone numbers, in a shared document provided by the Director of Clinic Operations. The clinical educators shall access the file to remain informed.

8.3.2. The substitute student clinicians are responsible for notifying the primary student clinician of any change in schedule or telephone number.

8.3.3. The primary student clinician is responsible for notifying the clinical educator by email, with a copy to the Director of Clinic Operations, of any changes in substitute clinicians or changes in their telephone numbers during the semester, and must update the shared document.

8.3.4. It remains the responsibility of the primary student clinician, in consultation with the clinical educator, to obtain coverage from the substitute student clinician for a specific legitimate absence.

9. Cancellation/Rescheduling of Clinic Appointments in the Event of Student Absence

9.1. PURPOSE: To assign responsibility to the student clinician to initiate the correct procedures in case of his/her absence from an on-campus scheduled clinical assignment

9.2. POLICY: Client sessions (diagnostic and therapy) should not be canceled due to student clinician absence, except in cases of extreme documented emergency situations where no substitute clinician is available. Student clinicians may not cancel, reschedule, or obtain a substitute for any session without prior permission from the clinical educator and consultation with a Clinic Co-director.

9.2.1. It is the responsibility of the student clinician to initiate the following sequence of procedures in case of his/her legitimate absence:

9.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

9.3.1. Student clinician contacts their agreed-upon substitute clinician(s) to cover the clinical assignment.

9.3.2. Student clinician contacts clinical educator directly as early in the day as possible to report each day that they will be absent from a scheduled client assignment. Clinician provides the clinical educator the name and phone number of the substitute student clinician. If the clinician is unable to find a substitute, the clinical educator may authorize cancellation of the clinic assignment. Cancellation must occur well before the scheduled appointment time.

9.3.3. The Clinic Coordinator will reschedule the appointment in the EMR to the substitute clinician for note writing purposes.

9.3.4. If the clinician is unable to reach the clinical educator directly, they must notify/consult with the Director of Clinic Operations (DCO). If the DCO cannot be reached, the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) or Clinic Coordinator should be notified in a timely manner.

9.3.5. If the clinician is unable to reach the Clinic Co-directors listed above, they must notify/consult with the Department Chair.

9.3.6. The clinical educator (or the Clinic Co-directors or Department Chair in lieu of the clinical educator) notifies the Clinic Coordinator to call the client to cancel. The Clinic Coordinator notes the call to the client in the contact log. The Clinic Coordinator will cancel the note in the EMR.

9.3.7. If a diagnostic is canceled, it is the responsibility of the student clinician to determine with the clinical educator and the Clinic Co-directors when the diagnostic will be rescheduled. If a therapy session is canceled, it is the responsibility of the clinician, in consultation with the clinical educator, to make arrangements with the client to make up the missed session(s) by scheduling an extra session(s) or extending

session length for a period of time. The clinician is responsible for notifying the Clinic Co-directors and the Clinic Coordinator by written memo of the plans for making up the session(s).

- 9.3.8. The student clinician is responsible for documenting the cancellation in the client's chart.
- 9.3.9. Anytime the student clinician's absence results in a cancellation, the student clinician must provide written documentation (doctor's statement, etc.) for their absence to the clinical educator. The clinical educator signs and dates the receipt of the documentation, then sends it to the Clinic Co-directors for inclusion in the student's clinic file.
- 9.3.10. Clinical aides (registered in CDIS 4344) must contact their clinical educator if they are to be absent.
- 9.3.11. If a diagnostic session cannot be rescheduled, the student, supervised by his/her assigned clinical educator, will earn Simulation Hours and related competencies by completing a simulation (Alternative Clinical Education) activity within two weeks of the originally scheduled session.

10. Responsibilities of Student Clinician and Clinical Educator when Client is Late

10.1. PURPOSE: To clarify the role of the student clinician and the clinical educator when client is late

10.2. POLICY: The student clinician is responsible for waiting in the clinic waiting area at least 15 minutes past the client's scheduled session start time for clients receiving speech/language services. For audiology clients, student clinicians are to wait until the clinical educator deems the appointment a "no show".

10.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

10.3.1. The clinician checks with the Clinic Coordinator to see if the client canceled.

10.3.2. If the client did not cancel, the student waits at least 15 minutes in the clinic reception area prior to checking with the clinical educator.

10.3.3. If approved by the clinical educator, the Clinic Coordinator documents the session as a "no-show" in the client's file and then the clinician has permission to leave the clinic reception area.

10.3.4. Should the client arrive after the client has been documented as a no-show, it is the responsibility of the clinical educator to determine whether the client will be seen.

Prerequisites for Clinical Practicum

11. Liability Insurance

11.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that the university and student clinicians are protected by liability insurance coverage prior to participation in any clinical activity.

11.2. POLICY: The College of Health Professions (CHP) requires that all students who participate in a clinical, internship, or practicum activity must be covered by liability insurance.

11.2.1. The Department of Communication Disorders will provide liability insurance.

11.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

11.3.1. Procedures will be followed as identified in [College of Health Professions PPS 02.02.32](#)

12. Immunizations

12.1. PURPOSE: To specify the department's timeframes and procedures for implementing College of Health Professions [Immunization Policy and Procedures \(College of Health Professions PPS 02.03.33\)](#) regarding student clinician immunizations.

12.2. POLICY: Student clinicians must have immunization documentation on file prior to assuming assignments in the clinic or at an off-campus practicum site. Verification of meningitis vaccine is required prior to enrollment in classes.

12.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

12.3.1. Incoming graduate students are given a copy of this policy, College of Health Professions [PPS 02.03.33](#), and the linked Texas State University College of Health Professions [Immunizations and Tests Form, Addendum A](#).

12.3.2. As students are entering a healthcare or educational profession, there are certain public health requirements to which programs expect students to adhere. All State of Texas immunizations that are required by State law and also recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must be up to date when a student enters the CDIS program. People who are not correctly immunized pose a significant public health risk to their patients, co-workers and themselves. Seasonal flu shots are being required by many external clinical sites. Flu shots are available in the fall of each year and can be obtained through the Texas State Student Health Center in the School of Nursing Building, the Texas Department of Health, a student's personal physician's office, local pharmacies, and other outreach clinics in the area. Documentation of a student's flu shot, including manufacturer, batch, drug name, date, and provider signature must be submitted to the Director of Clinical Education or the Graduate Program Coordinator at the start of the fall semester of each year, or when the immunization is updated. If immunizations and TB tests are not up to date, CDIS cannot guarantee that a student will be accepted at medical and/or educational clinical rotation sites. This could impact a student's timely progression through the program, prevent a student from participating in a variety of clinical experiences, and ultimately prevent a student from graduating.

12.3.3. Health Report forms are to be completed by the Friday of the first week of the Semester and submitted to the Director of Clinical Education as instructed. After review and verification, students will be instructed to update the immunization table, and scan/upload original documents into the student's CALIPSO account (as instructed by the Director of Clinical Education).

12.3.4. Students are responsible for updating their immunizations and subsequent records by giving updated information to the Director of Clinical Education for filing in the student's permanent record on CALIPSO.

- 12.3.5. The Director of Clinical Education is responsible for informing student clinicians of any special immunization requirements by off-campus practicum sites at the time students are notified of their off-campus practicum assignment.

13. Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Requirement for Clinical Practicum

13.1. PURPOSE: To specify the student clinician's responsibility for acquiring BLS/ CPR for the Healthcare provider or Professional Rescuer.

13.2. POLICY: The student clinician is required to have BLS/CPR training and provide proof of certification by commencement of the first semester of graduate clinical training.

13.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

13.3.1. Students are responsible for locating and scheduling their training, following the guidelines provided by the Director of Clinical Education. These guidelines will be presented at orientation, or via an electronically transmitted announcement.

13.3.2. Student clinicians are required to provide proof of certification to the Director of Clinical Education prior to beginning clinical practicum at the CDIS Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

13.3.3. Documentation is kept in the student's permanent record on CALIPSO.

13.3.4. Proof of Certification may be waived by off-campus sites, in writing. Practicum site coordinators must submit a letter to the Clinic Co-directors, waiving a student's CPR training requirement.

14. Professionalism in Dress, Appearance, and Behavior

- 14.1. **PURPOSE:** To establish a clear understanding of the expectations for professional dress, appearance, and conduct for all students, faculty, and staff when in clinical areas. Our primary goal is to maintain a professional and respectful environment that promotes a positive experience for clients and caregivers.
- 14.2. **POLICY:** All students, faculty, and staff are expected to show a professional physical presence by wearing attire that is clean, neat, and appropriate for a clinical setting.
- 14.2.1. **Dress/Appearance:** Our attire is expected to be professional and appropriate for a clinical setting. All clothing should be clean, in good repair, and fit appropriately.
- **Attire:** Clothing should be clean, well-maintained, and appropriate for a professional healthcare and educational setting.
 - **Footwear:** Shoes should be clean, in good repair, and appropriate for a professional setting.
 - **Grooming:** Hair should be neat and styled in a way that does not interfere with the delivery of services.
 - **Personal Expression:** Visible tattoos and piercings should not interfere with the delivery of safe and effective services.
- 14.2.2. **Behavior:** All students, faculty, and staff are expected to maintain professional conduct at all times in the clinical environment.
- **Communication:** Maintain a respectful and professional tone. Avoid loud conversations, arguing, or using inappropriate language.
 - **Courtesy:** Treat all individuals—clients, caregivers, and colleagues—with respect and common courtesy, regardless of their background.
 - **Client Interaction:** Address adult clients and caregivers using a respectful title (e.g., Mr., Ms., Dr.) unless they request otherwise. Refer to children by their names.
- 14.2.3. If a student's attire, grooming, or conduct is not in line with these expectations, they will not be permitted to observe/conduct therapy or be in contact with clinic clients until their behavior or appearance complies with policy. The clinical educator/supervisor will address the issue directly and professionally to find a resolution. The goal is to support the student in meeting these professional standards. In such cases, the student may be asked to make necessary adjustments to their appearance or conduct before continuing their clinical work.
- 14.3. **PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:** Each clinical educator has the final responsibility for ensuring that the students they are supervising are professional in dress, appearance, and behavior. Clinical educators should address any policy violations directly with the student to support them in meeting these standards.

15. Name Tag

15.1. PURPOSE: To specify the use of nametags for identification purposes in the CDIS Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

15.2. POLICY: All clinical educators and student clinicians with client assignments shall wear Texas State nametags when in diagnostic and/or therapy sessions as a means of identification.

15.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

15.3.1. The department will pay for and provide the name tags

15.3.2. The name on the tag will be the one that is listed on the student's official university record

15.3.3. Student name and degree (Jane Doe, B.S.) goes on line one and student title (CDIS Student Clinician) on line two.

Risk Management

16. Fire and Safety Procedures

16.1. PURPOSE: To specify the information each student clinician, faculty member, and staff person must know to protect themselves and the clients of the Speech-Language- Hearing Clinic in a fire or emergency situation

16.2. POLICY: All personnel who work in the clinic must be familiar with emergency procedures, reporting protocols for emergencies, and emergency exits from the building.

16.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

16.3.1. The emergency exit signs and routes from the clinic are posted in the clinic hallways. All student clinicians and personnel will be oriented to emergency exits and are responsible for knowing these exit routes and for participating in fire or any other drills that require exiting using the proper routes.

16.3.2. All hallways must allow at least 44 inches of clear passage in case of an emergency evacuation.

16.3.3. If evacuation of the clinic is required, individuals must exit the building using the nearest, safest exit door. Once outside the building, students and clients/clinic visitors will proceed to the parking lots surrounding Willow Hall. If first responders are present, faculty and students are expected to follow their instructions. If the clinic loses electrical power, exit lights above the doors opening to hallways will be illuminated. Battery-powered emergency lights will also illuminate the hallways.

16.3.4. In the event of a medical emergency in the clinic, students should contact the clinical educator or the Clinic Co-directors immediately. If they cannot be located promptly, the student should call 911, then send someone to find the Clinic Coordinator, a Clinic Co-director, or the Departmental Administrative Assistant. The clinical educator or the Clinic Co-directors will contact either 911 or the University Police Department, depending on the type of emergency. Students and personnel should be on standby to be of assistance at the direction of police or EMS when they arrive. If a student considers a situation an emergency, then they must call 911 immediately, using their best judgment.

16.3.5. First aid kits are available in the student workroom (126) and Suite 110 in Willow Hall.

17. Infection Control Plan

17.1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the Infection Control Plan is to prevent the transmission of infectious organisms among clients, clinicians, and employees

17.2. POLICY: The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will take all necessary precautions to minimize the risk of exposure to infectious pathogens for clients, student clinicians, and employees.

17.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

17.3.1. Infection Control Training is provided to all first-year graduate students and all undergraduate students prior to the start of their clinical practicum.

17.3.2. Topics covered in the Infection Control Training include disease transmission and ways to prevent; epidemiology and symptomatology of common diseases; assessment of risk based on population served and environment; hand hygiene; personal protective equipment; safe management of equipment; safe management of environment; safe management of body fluids and blood.

17.3.3. For graduate students, documentation of the training and the appropriate classification forms are completed (see Appendix for forms) and uploaded into CALIPSO

18. Incident Reporting

18.1.PURPOSE: To clearly define an incident as it relates to the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and to ensure timely reporting and follow-up of incidents.

18.2.POLICY: An incident (defined as any event in which significant material damage occurs; in which personal injury occurs; in which either of the previous conditions are narrowly avoided; or in which personal conflict is expressed in an uncontrolled or barely controlled manner) is to be reported in writing to the Clinic Co-directors on the day of occurrence.

18.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

18.3.1. The clinical educator and the student clinician most closely involved in the incident jointly complete the Department of Communication Disorders incident report form (see Appendix; obtained from Clinic Coordinator) and submit it to a clinic co-director on the day of the occurrence.

18.3.1.1. Under no circumstances will any personnel classified in Category 3 place themselves in a situation where contact with the blood of a patient or co- worker could occur. Category 1 or 2 employees/personnel may provide assistance in emergency situations when blood or bodily substance spillage occurs ONLY while wearing gloves.

18.3.1.2. If an employee is the victim of an exposure incident, a Post-exposure Management Record Form (see Appendix) will be completed and medical attention will be offered.

18.3.2. One of the Clinic Co-directors reviews the report within one business day. A CHP Incident form may be required after initial review. The Clinic Co-directors will notify all parties if the CHP form is necessary.

18.3.3. The Clinic Co-directors will respond to the report by scheduling follow-up conferences as needed or may designate a faculty member to investigate the facts of the incident and file a separate report as warranted.

18.3.4. The Clinic Co-directors will forward the Incident Report to the Department Chair at the conclusion of the investigation or before, if the incident warrants.

18.3.5. The Department Chair will forward the report to the Dean's office.

19. Standards for Protections and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

19.1.PURPOSE: To define the standards by which faculty, staff and students will receive training, obtain clearance, and report suspected child abuse or neglect.

19.2.POLICY: The Department of Communication Disorders at Texas State University adopts the DSHS Child Abuse Screening, Documenting and Reporting Policy for Contractor/Providers. Faculty and Students in contact with minors will receive annual training in alignment with UPPS 01.04.41, **Reporting Abuse of Minors and Training Policy**. Training takes place each Fall or Summer semester on issues related to this policy. Additionally, all incoming students who will have contact with minors in the speech-language-hearing clinic will receive training and must pass a background check. Please see UPPS 01.04.41 at <https://policies.txstate.edu/university-policies/01-04-41.html>

Supervision for ASHA Clinical Hours

20. Clinical Supervision and Documentation Requirements

20.1. PURPOSE: To specify the supervision and documentation requirements for diagnostic and therapy sessions conducted by student clinicians at the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and off-campus clinical sites

20.2. POLICY: Appropriately credentialed (being licensed by the State of Texas, 2 hours of continuing education in supervision, and holding the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence) clinical educators shall directly supervise and document, in accordance with current CAA and CFCC standards, each diagnostic and/or therapy session conducted by student clinicians.

20.2.1. Student clinicians will be supervised in real time and never at less than 25% of total contact time with each client. However, depending on the student and client needs, the clinical educator will engage in more than 25% of the total contact time with each client, as indicated by the respective circumstances.

20.2.2. The 25% supervision standard is a minimum requirement and is adjusted upward whenever the student's level of knowledge, skills, and experience warrants.

20.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

20.3.1. On-Campus Speech-Language Clinic Documentation of Hours Procedures

20.3.1.1. Prior to the start of any diagnostic or therapy session, the student clinician enters in ink the date of the session, the client's initials, ASHA categories, and age on the appropriate clinical hours form found in the student workroom.

20.3.1.2. The student clinician then places the form in an individual clinical folder located in the observation room chosen for the session.

20.3.1.3. Following the session, the student clinician completes the Hours column of the Clinical Hours form, rounding the time to the nearest five minutes.

20.3.1.4. The clinical educator signs or initials the entry to document supervision of the session and returns the Clinical Hours form to the clinical folder.

20.3.1.5. Student clinicians are responsible for maintaining and retrieving their forms from the clinical folder.

20.3.1.6. Student clinicians are responsible for accurately entering and submitting the documented hours earned to their CALIPSO accounts in accordance with the time frames for Submission of Clinical Hours outlined on the "Clinic Calendar".

20.3.1.7. Each clinical educator will verify and approve submitted hours electronically. Hours that are inaccurately recorded, incomplete, or late will not be approved as outlined in the syllabi for CDIS 5321, 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, 5689, and 5690 and counted toward the 400 minimum. The hours will remain recorded in their respective CALIPSO accounts, but will not be calculated toward their total clock hours.

20.3.2. Off-Campus Clinical Sites

20.3.2.1. Students record hours on a daily basis on the Daily Contact Hours Log, in each respective ASHA category. They will present this document to their off-campus clinical educator as a cross-reference to verify hours entered in their CALIPSO accounts (20.3.1.7 above)

20.3.2.2. Clinical educators must verify contact hours at a minimum of once every four (4) weeks.

21. Supporting students from varying cultural and linguistic backgrounds

21.1.PURPOSE: The Department of Communication Disorders (CDIS) provides a respectful and supportive environment for students with varying cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

21.2.POLICY: CDIS makes every effort to ensure that students are meeting KASA requirements in clinical service delivery and adopts ASHA's Social Dialects Position Paper (ASHA, 1983) stating that dialects are not to be considered disordered speech and language among clients. The same inclusiveness and acceptance of diversity is extended to students from culturally and linguistically diverse populations who may not speak Standard American English. All faculty, staff, and students will adhere to the recommendations suggested by the ASHA Joint Subcommittee of the Executive Board on English Language Proficiency.

21.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY: All faculty, staff, and students will adhere to the suggestions and recommendations outlined in the technical report, "Students and Professionals Who Speak English with Accents and Nonstandard Dialects: Issues and Recommendations" (<https://www.asha.org/policy/tr1998-00154/>)

22. Adaptations for Students with Dialectal and/or English Proficiency Differences

22.1.PURPOSE: In accordance with standards set forth by the Council on Academic Accreditation, the Department of Communication Disorders (CDIS) implements adaptations to encourage successful completion of the graduate training program. The aim of this policy is to make students aware of potential interferences that may occur due to language and/or dialectical differences, and how to minimize such interference.

22.2.POLICY: CDIS makes every effort to ensure that students are meeting KASA requirements in clinical service delivery. Students who meet any of the criteria listed below that raises concern about language proficiency and /or accent will be eligible for adaptations to improve clinical service delivery skills. Although proficiency and/or accent may not be significantly improved in the two years span of graduate school, this adaptation may improve clinical skills over time if the clinician plans to continue clinical service delivery in English.

22.2.1.1. Clinical educator has difficulty understanding the student within the therapy session

22.2.1.2. A mismatch exists between client goal(s) and proficiency and/or dialect difference, i.e., the student is unable to model the clinical target in English or language in which therapy is provided

22.2.1.3. Multiple attempts are required by the student to provide an appropriate model of the target response for the client

22.2.1.4. Multiple repetitions are used by the student to convey an instruction to a client when the client has adequate receptive language

22.2.1.5. Multiple repetitions are required by the student clinician to comprehend and utilize feedback

22.2.1.6. Student identifies and expresses concerns about his/her proficiency

22.2.1.7. Student identifies and expresses concerns about his/her dialect difference

22.2.1.8. Student's difficulty understanding clinical feedback or directives as demonstrated by inappropriate response to directive

22.2.1.9. Student's inability to understand questions/concerns presented by the client

22.2.1.10. Student's inability to understand questions/concerns presented by family members

22.2.1.11. Student's inability to respond accurately to client questions/concerns

22.3. PROCEDURE TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

22.3.1. Students who meet any of the criteria listed above, either related to on- campus or off-campus practicum, will be eligible for the following sequence of activities to aid them in meeting KASA requirements in clinical service delivery. The following steps are highly recommended for the successful completion of graduate clinical training:

22.3.1.1.1. A meeting with the clinical educator and clinic director to clearly identify area(s) of breakdown: Develop a plan of action monitored by the clinical educator. An action plan may include the implementation of a clinical growth plan based on the student's individual circumstances and need(s)

22.3.1.1.2. The student may be referred to the following programs:

22.3.1.1.3. Available Texas State Intensive English resources to receive assessment and a tailored language proficiency improvement program.

22.3.1.1.4. Participation in accent modification training at the CDIS Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, or other similar training program.

22.3.1.1.5. Peer-to-peer mentoring targeting specific, identified areas of interference of one language on the other.

22.3.2. Cost associated with any improvement/modification program will be incurred by the individual seeking such services.

22.3.3. Any adaptation action plan will be written by the clinical educator and the Clinic Co-directors. This plan is a written agreement between the clinical educator and the student. Positive and negative consequences are clearly outlined in the action plan and/or clinical growth plan. The Action or Growth Plan will also identify alternate methods in which clinical service delivery will be considered.

23. Clinical Feedback from Clinical Educators

23.1.PURPOSE: To describe the method(s) clinical educators use to provide feedback on clinical performance to student clinicians to promote clinical growth,

23.2.POLICY: Student clinicians shall regularly receive both written and verbal feedback from clinical educators based on the clinical educator's observations of therapy sessions.

23.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

23.3.1. It is the responsibility of each student clinician to schedule a weekly conference with each assigned clinical educator to discuss the management of the client. Students should have access to the client chart in the EMR, and bring the weekly Treatment Feedback Form (see appendix) to the conference.

23.3.2. Some clinical educators may schedule group conferences with student clinicians that have clients with similar needs.

23.3.3. Students are encouraged to request additional supervisory conferences as needed.

23.3.4. Students are encouraged, in collaboration with their clinical educators, to complete the conference agenda section at the top of the Feedback Form. The agenda outlines clinician goals and relevant activities for the upcoming week of therapy or a diagnostic.

23.3.5. Clinical educators will frequently give verbal feedback to the student immediately following a supervised session or provide written feedback on the feedback form.

23.3.6. Following a formal observation of a therapy session, the student may receive a written report of the observation on a Diagnostic and Therapy Session Feedback Form (see appendix).

23.3.7. If the clinical educator believes a conference is needed to discuss the observation in detail, the clinical educator will indicate such on the Treatment Feedback form or contact the student directly.

23.3.7.1. It is the student's responsibility to schedule this conference within two days or prior to the client's next scheduled treatment session.

23.3.7.2. These special conferences are in addition to the student's regular weekly conference.

23.3.8. Students receive formal versions of feedback at mid-term and at the end of the semester on the evaluation of clinical skills form on CALIPSO.

24. Evaluation and Documentation of Student Performance in Clinic

24.1.PURPOSE: To specify the method of grading and the parameters taken into consideration in assigning a grade to a student enrolled in a clinical practicum course (CDIS 4344, 5321, 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347,5689, 5690)

24.2. POLICY: Each student will receive one grade (CR or F) for each clinical practicum (CDIS 4344, 5321, 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347,5689, 5690) each semester of enrollment.

24.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

24.3.1. For the undergraduate CDIS 4344 course, the grade is determined by the faculty member of record, who is responsible for the lecture portion, in consultation with the faculty member responsible for the lab portion of the class. The grade is determined according to the procedures outlined in the class syllabus, which is distributed during the first week of class.

24.3.2. The one practicum grade in graduate clinical classes reflects the student's performance in both the lecture and the lab portions of the class (CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347,5689, 5690) as judged by the Clinic Co-directors and the student's clinical educators, respectively.

24.3.3. The faculty member of record for the lecture portion of the class bases the grade on the criteria stated in the class syllabus. The lecture portion (CANVAS assignments, class assignments, discussions, etc.) accounts for 60% of the total grade.

24.3.4. The clinical educators base the lab portion of the grade on the student's clinical performance using the Clinician Evaluation Rating Scale. This constitutes 40% of the total grade.

24.3.5. For CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, the student's clinical educator(s) provide the student with feedback forms after observing the student in diagnostics/therapy with the client.

24.3.5.1. The student is responsible for bringing the completed Feedback forms to the weekly conference with the clinical educator and for retaining the forms as part of the student's portfolio.

24.3.5.2. A grade of CR will be assigned for total point acquisition of 80 or higher.

24.3.5.3. A grade of F is assigned if the student's cumulative point total (lecture & clinic) is lower than 80 points. An F may also be assigned for a flagrant violation of policy (willfully ignoring policy and procedures, compromising client care, etc.), regardless of therapy performance. An F in clinical practicum means the student does not obtain credit, competency, or clinical hours for the semester's work. A referral to the Program Standards Committee may be made.

24.3.6. Student clinicians are expected to know and conform to the Code of Ethics of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and the CDIS Policies and Procedures Statements.

24.3.6.1. At mid-term of the long semesters and at the end of all semesters, each clinical

educator provides a formal evaluation of the student's clinical performance in summative and formative formats.

- 24.3.6.1.1. The formal evaluation includes the completion of the Evaluation of Clinical Skills using the Supervision Rating Scale in the CALIPSO database. The appropriate competencies are rated, and written comments accompany the Evaluation of Clinical Skills.
- 24.3.6.1.2. Each clinical educator discusses with the student his/her specific clinical strengths and weaknesses as documented on the Evaluation Form in CALIPSO.
- 24.3.7. The Clinic Co-directors are responsible for combining the grades from both the lecture and lab portions of CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, 5689, 5690 and assigning a student's average grade.
- 24.3.8. The Clinic Co-directors will not document the grades of CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, 5689, and 5690 students until the student has verified all clinical hours at check-out with the Clinic Co-directors. This point distribution is outlined in all syllabi.
- 24.3.9. The audiology clinical educator combines the lecture and lab grades for CDIS 5321 to arrive at a student's average grade according to the procedures outlined in the class syllabus.

25. Substitute Clinical Educators

- 25.1. PURPOSE: To assure adequate and timely clinical supervision in the absence of the assigned clinical educator.
- 25.2. POLICY: The student clinician shall know at all times the name and location of the clinical educator assigned to supervise each clinical session.
 - 25.2.1. Each clinical educator, who must be absent from an assigned session, is responsible for designating a substitute clinical educator who is willing to supervise for the absent clinical educator.
 - 25.2.2. Clinical educators called away may leave the clinic only after a substitute clinical educator has been designated and any affected student clinicians and clinic co-directors have been notified.
 - 25.2.3. Under no circumstances shall a student clinician conduct any portion of a diagnostic or therapy session without knowing the name and location of the responsible clinical educator.

25.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

- 25.3.1. In the event of a planned absence, the clinical educator notifies the Clinic Co-directors and any student clinicians affected by the absence in writing at least one week prior to the absence. The notification should include the name and location of the substitute clinical educator.
- 25.3.2. In the event of an unplanned absence, the clinical educator notifies the Director of clinic operations by telephone or email as soon as possible. The email or phone message will include who the Clinical Educator has arranged as Supervisor of Record, and the CE will also notify the affected students, chair, and clinic administration of the absence. If the CE is unable to arrange a substitute, the Director of clinic operations will assign a substitute clinical educator and notify all affected parties.
- 25.3.3. Any student clinician who is uncertain as to the name and location of the clinical educator for any portion of any session should immediately contact the Clinic Co-directors for clarification.

26. Procedure for Submission and Recording of Clinical Hours

- 26.1. PURPOSE: To specify procedures for submitting clinical hours earned to the CALIPSO database for recording in the student's permanent record.
- 26.2. POLICY: The student clinician is responsible for submitting the documented clinical hours earned on the designated due dates as outlined on the semester clinical calendar/schedule. Students will not receive credit for hours that are incorrectly or inaccurately recorded on the hours' forms, and CALIPSO database.
 - 26.2.1. The clinical educators verify the accuracy of the student clinician's clinical hours entry at designated times throughout the semester. The Clinic Co-directors subsequently verify all clinical educator-verified hours at final semester checkout.
 - 26.2.2. Relevant policy: Clinical Supervision and Documentation Requirements (Clinical P and P 20)

26.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

- 26.3.1. The student clinician verifies that the appropriate Clinical Hours forms have been completed correctly and have been verified and approved by the appropriate clinical educator(s).
- 26.3.2. The student clinician places any Clinical Hours forms with hours earned during the time period (specified on the clinic calendar) face down in the designated clinical educator's mailbox.
- 26.3.3. The assigned clinical educator will cross-reference the submitted hours forms with student-entered hours in CALIPSO. The clinical educator will sign and lock the hours once they are verified. Incorrect entries may be modified by a CALIPSO administrator (typically Clinic Co-directors) after careful consideration and communication with the assigned clinical educator, on a case-by-case basis.
- 26.3.4. End-of-semester reports are printed by each student. The number and distribution of hours are reviewed by the student and the Clinic Co-directors during the semester's final check-out.
 - 26.3.4.1. The End-of-semester reports and additional documents listed on the course syllabi are to be archived by each student into their e-portfolio.

Client Records

27. Privacy and Security of Health Information (Confidentiality)

- 27.1. PURPOSE: To delineate the measures utilized by the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic to maintain the confidentiality of client information as mandated by federal and state law, the Code of Ethics of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- 27.2. POLICY: All information contained in the clinic's client files (electronic and hard copy) is confidential. This includes text, audio, and visual data. Client information stored in computer files shall be considered confidential. Only persons authorized by a valid signed Release of Confidential Information form or by law, or persons directly involved in a client's case through the educational process in the classroom or clinic, shall have access to client information.
 - 27.2.1. Prior to participating in clinical activities/assignments, all students must review and sign the Confidentiality Agreement/Statement of Policy, which is part of the student's permanent file, and stored electronically on CALIPSO.
 - 27.2.2. Formal presentations on HIPAA standards and related privacy and security issues are delivered to the first-year graduate students during the fall and one other semester as a part of their clinical curriculum. The date of this training will be added to the student's permanent file. Privacy and security awareness, education, and training are conducted at this time.
 - 27.2.3. Student clinicians are never to discuss the contents of client records with the client or the client's family members/friends without the clinical educator being present for the discussion unless specifically instructed to do so by the clinical educator, such as making a phone call.
 - 27.2.4. Faculty, staff, and students share mutual responsibility for protecting the confidentiality of all clients served.
 - 27.2.5. Disclosure verbally, electronically, or via file misuse of protected health information may be grounds for immediate dismissal from any CDIS clinical practicum. Clinic Co-directors will report any client security or data breach to the Department Chair. In the cases of electronic breach, the Chair will notify the Texas State IT Security Office and report the incident. If IT Security believes that a breach has occurred, they will engage in an investigation to determine the appropriate actions to take.
 - 27.2.6. The Department Chair and Clinic Co-directors will review all breaches of client confidentiality (in the case of electronic breaches, after IT Security personnel have completed the investigation). Based on their recommendations, appropriate action will be taken. Actions against the student may include, but are not limited to loss of clinical hours, loss of clinical competencies, and dismissal from the program for non-academic reasons. The appropriate consequences and actions will be based on the following:
 - 27.2.6.1. the seriousness of the violation(s);
 - 27.2.6.2. previous compliance history;

27.2.6.3. the severity level necessary to deter future violations;

27.2.6.4. student efforts to correct the violation; and

27.2.6.5. any other extenuating circumstances.

27.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

27.3.1. The digital or paper Authorization for the Release of Confidential Information from Texas State University is signed and dated by the client or his/her parent/guardian prior to the start of any diagnostic or therapy. This authorization is assumed to be good for one calendar year from the date. The authorization may be changed at any time by the patient or his/her parent/guardian. The authorization is part of the client's record in the EMR.

27.3.2. All faculty and staff are responsible for verifying that a current and complete Authorization for the Release of Confidential Information from Texas State University form contains the name of the person and/or agency to whom information is being released.

27.3.3. Information will only be released to individuals and/or organizations listed on the authorization. Name and all contact information must be provided by parent/legal guardian. Confidential information will not be released if contact information is incomplete.

27.3.4. No confidential patient information is to be transmitted by e-mail unless proper written consent has been obtained from the client or the client's legal representative.

27.3.5. Client records are all digital and part of the client's EMR. They are stored and retrieved in accordance with Storage, Retrieval, and Review of Computerized Client Documents.

27.3.6. Video- and audio-taped client information is stored, retrieved, and reviewed in accordance with Storage, Retrieval and Review of Audio and Video Taped Client Records.

27.3.7. At no time, under any circumstance, is a client to be photographed or videotaped using a student's personal camera, including those cameras contained on cell phones.

27.3.8. Any paper containing confidential client information is disposed of by shredding. Shredders are located in the graduate workroom, the clinic office area, and the departmental workroom.

28. Informed Consent

28.1.PURPOSE: To require that clients, or parents in the case of minor children, give informed written permission for the evaluation and treatment of communication disorders by student clinicians under the supervision of ASHA-certified and state licensed faculty.

28.2.POLICY: Clients will not be evaluated or treated without the student clinician and/or clinical educator first obtaining informed written consent from the client or the client's parent/guardian.

28.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

28.3.1. For the client/parent, the student clinician and/or clinical educator will:

28.3.1.1. briefly summarize what the interview, evaluation and/or therapy will entail,

28.3.1.2. review the need to video/photograph any parts of the evaluation or therapy as well as the potential use of the photographs/video for teaching, digital media use, or marketing brochures;

28.3.1.3. review the circumstances under which clients may be observed while in evaluation and/or therapy, and

28.3.1.3.1. review the need to give food and/or beverage during evaluation or therapy.

28.3.2. The student clinician and/or clinical educator will briefly summarize the benefits, risks, and/or potential complications of the evaluation and/or treatment.

28.3.3. The consents must be obtained before the client leaves the clinic reception area (Willow Hall Room 110) or the Audiology Counseling Room (WH Room 147).

28.3.4. In the event that the EMR is not working, clinic administrative support will assist the clinical educator and student clinician in completing paper consent forms. Clinic administration will scan them into the client's chart within 24 hours.

28.3.5. New informed consents must be obtained yearly.

28.3.6. The signed consents are a part of the client's EMR file.

29. Authorization for the Release of Confidential Information

29.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that confidential client information from the client's file is released only to persons or agencies of the client's choice.

29.2. POLICY: No confidential client information, reports, or records shall be released from the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic to persons other than the client or the minor client's parent/guardian without written permission from the client/parent specifying the person(s) and/or agencies to whom the information is to be released. The address of the person/facility to whom information is to be released must be included on the release form.

29.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

29.3.1. Authorization forms must be updated at the beginning of each academic year in September or upon initial visit. The forms may be changed at any time by the client or his/her parent or guardian.

29.3.2. Student clinicians must refer all requests for client information directly to the clinical educator or the Clinic Co-directors in the absence of the clinical educator.

29.3.3. Only faculty and/or staff may release documents to authorized persons/agencies.

30. Control of Client Files

30.1. PURPOSE: To specify the Clinic Area in Willow Hall as the only approved site for client files and client file access electronically. Client records remain under the active control of the student clinician or clinical educator at all times.

30.2. POLICY: Original or photocopied parts of any client file, including test forms/booklets, must remain under the active control of the student clinician while it is checked out for use in the clinic or faculty office.

30.2.1. The exceptions to this policy are those documents photocopied as a result of a signed Release of Confidential Information from Texas State University.

30.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

30.3.1. Clinicians should check out client files at the time they are needed and not before.

30.3.2. A client file must be returned immediately after use to the active file in Willow Hall Room 110E.

30.3.3. Client files that are checked out, but not in active use by the clinician, may only be stored temporarily in the student's locked locker in the graduate workroom.

31. Consequences of Mishandling Client Records

31.1. PURPOSE: To specify the possible consequences incurred by student clinicians for improper handling of client confidential data.

31.2. POLICY: Student clinicians found mishandling client confidential information will face the following consequences:

31.2.1. First Offense: Review of Policies and Procedures concerning client files with the Clinic Co-directors.

31.2.2. Second Offense: The student clinician shall lose any clinical hours earned during the period of time the file was inappropriately handled.

31.2.3. Third Offense: At the discretion of the faculty, following recommendations from the clinical educator, one of the following possible consequences will be enforced:

31.2.3.1. Lose all clinical hours for the current semester.

31.2.3.2. Lose all clinical hours for the current semester for the client whose folder or confidential document was mishandled.

31.2.3.3. Forfeit any additional clinical assignments for the duration of the semester.

31.2.3.4. Automatic ineligibility to enroll in any on-campus or off-campus clinic class for the next semester.

31.2.3.5. Other actions as deemed necessary by the faculty, including dismissal from the program for non-academic reasons.

31.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

31.3.1. The faculty or staff person who discovers the mishandling of a client file shall inform the clinical educator immediately of the violation of policy.

31.3.2. The clinical educator will determine the circumstances of the violation by discussing the issues with the student clinician and any other persons involved in the mishandling of the client file. The clinical educator informs the Clinical Co-directors and may request assistance in the matter.

32. Client's File

32.1. PURPOSE: To specify the data to be included in a client's electronic file.

32.2. POLICY: Each client's file must be complete and organized in a consistent manner using approved forms and formats.

32.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

32.3.1. Consent Forms

32.3.2. Approved MAP for each session

32.3.3. SOAP Notes Complete with signatures and payment posted

32.3.4. Clinical Summary for the current semester and Cover Letter, if used.

32.3.4.1. Additional documentation to support progress and/or recommendations in the Clinical Summary, such as charts, graphs, if any.

32.3.4.2. Test Protocols from the current semester, if not part of the current diagnostic report; test protocols, written summaries, audiograms, cap-o-gram, screenings, oral mechanism form, etc. All protocols to be signed/initialed by appropriate clinical educator. Paper documents will be temporarily stored in the active files locked cabinet in 110F until the clinic support staff completes scanning. Scanning of clinical documents is completed by the end of each semester. After scanning, papers are shredded.

32.3.5. Documentation of client/parent conference form signed by clinical educator and client/parent with client/parent responses written on the back – as indicated.

32.3.6. Diagnostic Summary Report with cover letter if used.

32.3.6.1. Scanned copy of diagnostic protocols. Original protocols must be completed in black ink, signed by both the student and the clinical educator, and submitted to the clinic administration for scanning. Clinic Support Staff will scan the original protocol into the client's electronic medical record. Once scanned, original protocols will be shredded. Protocols will be temporarily stored in the active files locked cabinet in 110F until the clinic support staff completes scanning. Scanning of protocols is completed by the end of each semester. After scanning, papers are shredded.

32.3.7. Case History

32.3.8. Audiology worksheets, audiogram, cap-o-gram, amplification programming documentation, invoices pertaining to the purchase or repair of durable medical devices or accessories, screening forms, EP tracings

32.3.9. Any other reports from agencies or professional correspondence generated this semester scanned into documents/tasks tab.

33. Storage, Retrieval, and Review of Computerized Client Documents

33.1. PURPOSE: To provide methods to protect the confidentiality of client documents stored on the network and on external storage devices

33.2. POLICY: Protection of the confidentiality and privacy of computerized client documents is the responsibility of student clinicians, faculty, and staff.

33.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

33.3.1. Computers are located in low-traffic areas such as individual offices or the Graduate Student Rooms (WH 126/131).

33.3.2. Computers are located in rooms that require card access at all times.

33.3.3. Logouts are mandatory, and the computers are equipped with inactivity time-outs.

33.3.4. Access controls are in place with individual passwords.

33.3.5. Use of removable storage devices (jump drives, discs, etc.) to store clinic reports containing confidential client data is prohibited.

33.3.6. Client documents are stored remotely in data centers, which are firewall protected.

33.3.7. No client documents are transmitted via e-mail unless proper consent has been obtained and verified by the clinic co-directors.

33.3.8. Students will adhere to UPPS 04.01.01, which outlines the University's policy on Security of Texas State Information Resources. The policy is available at: <http://www.txstate.edu/effective/upps/upps-04-01-01.html>

34. Client Paper File Check-out

34.1.PURPOSE: To delineate the individuals responsible for the client paper file check-out process and the procedures to be followed

34.2.POLICY: Each student clinician is responsible for ensuring that the assigned client file is checked out/in in accordance with established procedures to ensure client confidentiality.

34.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

34.3.1. To check out an active client file, the student clinician shall:

34.3.1.1. Complete the sign-out portion of the Sign-out/In Log located at the front desk in the Clinic Reception Area

34.3.1.2. Remove the client file from the filing system in WH 110E

34.3.1.3. Return the file to the filing system in WH 110E prior to 5:00 p.m. or other stated clinic office closing time.

34.3.1.4. Complete the sign-in portion of the Sign-out/In Log to document return of the file.

34.3.2. To check out a client file overnight, the student clinician shall:

34.3.2.1. Secure the clinical educator's or Clinic Co-directors' or Clinic Coordinator's signature on the Sign-out/In Log;

34.3.2.2. Secure the file overnight in his/her locked locker in the graduate student workroom

34.3.2.3. Return the file to the active file in WH 110E prior to 9:30 a.m. the next clinic day

34.3.2.4. Complete the overnight sign-out portion of the Sign Out/In Log to document return of the file.

34.3.3. Violations of these procedures are covered on the policy and procedures titled: Consequences of Mishandling Client Files (Clinic Operating P and P: 31).

Speech-Language Diagnostics

35. Diagnostic Evaluation: Process and Sequence

35.1.PURPOSE: To specify the processes, procedures, timeframes, and responsible persons involved in the diagnostic evaluation procedures

35.2.POLICY: To assure the appropriate and timely completion of diagnostic evaluations, the CDIS Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic adheres to a consistent process sequence

35.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

35.3.1. The Clinic Coordinator receives speech-language inquiry calls and starts the clinic intake process by completing an intake form by phone or emailing it to the prospective client. Email is preferred, but phone is allowed for clients without email or computer access.

35.3.2. Once the intake form is completed by phone or returned by email, the Clinic Coordinator will add the client to the EMR and send the welcome letter. The welcome letter includes information about scheduling, pricing, and instructs families to complete the appropriate case history for their age (pediatric or adult) and concern area (hearing or speech/language).

35.3.3. After the case history is completed by the client, the Clinic Coordinator adds the client to the EMR waiting list and notifies the Director of Clinic Operations.

35.3.4. The Director of Clinic Operations verifies the speech-language referrals and, if appropriate, assigns clinician(s) and the clinical educator to the diagnostic for a scheduled date and time. The Director of Clinic Operations provides the Clinic Coordinator with potential dates and times to confirm with the prospective client.

35.3.5. Once the appointment is confirmed, the Director of Clinic Operations provides the Clinic Coordinator the names of the clinician(s) and CE, and the Clinic Coordinator adds the appointment to the scheduler in the EMR. The Director of Clinic Operations notifies the clinician(s) and CE of a new clinical assignment by email.

35.3.6. The assigned student clinician(s) is responsible for scheduling a conference with the clinical educator at least two weeks or 10 business days prior to the diagnostic. Failure to contact the clinical educator within the specified time frame is a serious omission and will be reflected in the student's cumulative clinic grade for the semester.

35.3.7. The purpose of the conference with the clinical educator is to determine what specific assessments will be done, to assign responsibilities, and to answer student questions. The student should come prepared to the conference with the client's file and with written suggestions for each of the areas specified for the client's disorder in the PPS Minimal Diagnostic Requirements by Disorder Type. The Diagnostic Checklist is available via CANVAS and in the P&P to facilitate pre- and post- diagnostic meetings.

35.3.8. If during the conference, it is determined that additional information is needed (results of previous testing, reports from other agencies, current medications, changes in health status etc.), the clinical educator is responsible for contacting the client and/or

agency and requesting the information.

- 35.3.9. If the requested additional information is not obtained prior to the diagnostic, and it is critical to have the information before the diagnostic is done, the diagnostic may be postponed with the approval of the Clinic Co-directors.
- 35.3.10. The clinic coordinator will contact the client the day before the evaluation to remind the client of the appointment and document the call in the client's chart.
- 35.3.11. The student should notify the clinical educator and the Clinic Co-directors immediately if the client reports they will not be able to attend the diagnostic appointment.
 - 35.3.11.1. The student clinician(s), with CE oversight, is responsible for verifying that client consents have been completed in the EMR via the patient portal prior to the appointment.
- 35.3.12. On the day of the evaluation, the clinician and clinical educator greet the client in the clinic reception area.
- 35.3.13. The student clinician assists the client in completing the appropriate releases, and permissions, if not already completed via patient portal, then takes the client to the Clinic Coordinator for payment of the evaluation fee, sign in procedure (including license plate) and verification that client parked in designated client parking.
- 35.3.14. The student clinician and clinical educator review the case history form with the adult client or the client's guardian. The discussion of the case history form should be done in the privacy of the clinic area, not in the clinic waiting room.
- 35.3.15. Testing is completed by clinician(s) under supervision.
- 35.3.16. Following the diagnostic, the student discusses findings, interpretations, and recommendations privately with the clinical educator. Students are not authorized to provide feedback to clients concerning diagnostic results without clinical educator approval. Post-assessment counseling is conducted only under strict supervision. (Second year graduate students may counsel clients with clinical educator present. First-year graduate students may counsel clients with clinical educator's assistance.)
- 35.3.17. The client is not dismissed from the clinic until the clinical educator checks all forms and approves the dismissal.
- 35.3.18. The first draft of the Diagnostic Evaluation Summary report is due to the clinical educator 3 working days following the diagnostic. The computer-generated format must be used and double-spaced.

- 35.3.19. The clinician and the clinical educator use the Report Tracking Form (email notification for speech/language) and process during the various drafts of the Diagnostic Evaluation Summary report. If a report requires several revisions, the second draft is due within 48 hrs. after return by the clinical educator. Subsequent revisions are due 24 hours after return by the clinical educator. See Report Tracking P and P for preparation for mailing and mailing procedures.
- 35.3.20. All final diagnostic reports are due and uploaded into the EMR 3 weeks after the scheduled appointment.
- 35.3.21. If the client is recommended for therapy, the CE notifies the Director of Clinic Operations. If the client is not recommended for therapy, the Clinic Coordinator makes the client chart inactive in the EMR
- 35.4. Additional information can be found on the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Diagnostic Preparation and Execution Procedure form (appendix).

36. Criteria for Client Enrollment for Therapy

36.1. PURPOSE: To specify the criteria that must be met to qualify a client for enrollment for therapy

36.2. POLICY: Clients are enrolled for therapy if the following criteria are met:

36.2.1. The client has been diagnosed within the previous 6 months by a certified/licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist as having a speech, language and/or hearing disorder or delay within the scope of practice which will likely benefit from a course of outpatient therapy.

36.2.2. A clinic educator qualified to treat the disorder/delay is available to supervise and/or provide the therapy.

36.2.3. Student Clinician training needs warrant enrollment of the client. Should a client not meet the enrollment criteria, referrals shall be made to the appropriate professionals.

36.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

36.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors review a client's speech-language diagnostic information.

36.3.2. The audiologist reviews a client's audiological diagnostic information.

36.3.3. Each requests any additional information if needed to make an enrollment decision.

36.3.4. The Clinic Co-directors and the audiologist each evaluate the availability of qualified clinical education personnel and the training needs of student clinicians in their respective areas of expertise.

36.3.5. The Clinic Co-directors are responsible for making the final decision to enroll the appropriate client or to refer the client elsewhere if the client's interest is better served by referral.

37. Client's First Day of Therapy

37.1.PURPOSE: To delineate the responsibilities of the student clinician on a client's first day of therapy

37.2.POLICY: The student clinician is responsible for ensuring that the new therapy client is processed on the first therapy day in accordance with approved procedures.

37.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

37.3.1. Student clinician and the clinical educator wait in the clinic reception area to greet the client after the client has checked in with the Clinic Coordinator.

37.3.2. Clinician assists client in completing patient information sheet, permissions, and releases, unless the clinical educator instructs the clinician otherwise.

37.3.3. Clinician takes client to Clinic Coordinator for sign-in, parking instructions, fee payment and receipt, and completion of the records checklist on the front of the client's folder.

37.3.4. Clinician and clinical educator answer client's questions, discuss clinic schedule, and take case history if not previously provided.

37.3.5. Therapy begins only after all release and permission forms are signed and questions are answered. The clinician is responsible for reviewing this information and engaging only in clinical activities for which release/permission was given.

37.3.6. Clinician escorts client to therapy area. Clinician and clinical educator assist family member to observation area, if appropriate.

37.3.7. Following the therapy session, clinician returns client/parent to clinic reception area for client to sign-out.

Therapy: Progression through the Semester

38. Client Assignment and Scheduling for Therapy

38.1.PURPOSE: To specify the persons responsible for assigning clients and scheduling therapy and the process that is used

38.2.POLICY: The Clinic Co-directors are responsible for coordinating clinician and clinical educator schedules and are responsible for the clinic therapy schedule. At no time, under any circumstance, should a clinical educator independently schedule a client without approval from a Clinic Co-director.

38.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

38.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors use the student's semester schedule and consultation with clinical educators when assigning clients to student clinicians, aides and clinical educators.

38.3.2. Client assignments usually change each semester to give each student a variety of clinical experiences.

38.3.3. Therapy sessions during fall and spring semesters are scheduled on the hour and end 45 to 60 minutes later unless special arrangements are made through the clinical educator and Clinic Co-directors for shorter or longer sessions.

38.3.4. Assignments are made using the Clinic Assignment Memorandum form, copies of which are placed in the mailboxes of the assigned clinical educator, student clinician(s) and aide, if assigned.

38.3.5. It is the responsibility of the clinical educator to monitor all phases of clinical work for each student assigned to him/her.

38.3.6. It is the responsibility of the assigned student clinician to schedule a meeting with the clinical educator and to provide the clinical educator with a Management Appraisal Plan (MAP) prior to the first therapy session.

38.3.7. It is the responsibility of the assigned aide to review the client's file and contact the clinical educator prior to the first therapy session. The aide's role during therapy will be determined by the clinical educator.

38.3.8. A client's scheduled session/s may not be changed without authorization from one of the Clinic Co-directors.

39. Faculty Supervised Off-Campus Clinical Assignments (FSOCA)

39.1.PURPOSE: To specify the parameters within which faculty supervised off-campus clinical assignments operate

39.2.POLICY: First year graduate students enrolled in 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347 who are eligible for an on-campus client assignment may, at the discretion of the faculty and Clinic Co-directors, be assigned a client in an off-campus site supervised by a CDIS faculty member. Criteria for determining which students will be assigned are as follows:

39.2.1. Each student's clinical experience, academic preparation, class and clinic schedules, and clinical hours needed will be considered in making assignments, and

39.2.2. Approval by the Clinic Co-Directors and Department Chair

39.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

39.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors are responsible for assuring that the university has an updated clinical affiliation agreement, MOU, or service contract with the off-campus site.

39.3.2. The Clinic Co-directors and the clinical educators will jointly make the client assignments after review of eligible clinicians and possible clients.

39.3.3. The off-campus clinical educator will use Texas State clinic approved therapy and diagnostic feedback forms to provide feedback to clinicians.

39.3.4. The clinician will conference at least once per week with the off-campus clinical educator in individual and/or groups as appropriate.

39.3.5. Clinicians are responsible for:

39.3.5.1. Immediately communicating any schedule changes in writing to the Clinic Co-directors.

39.3.5.2. Using MAPs or other CDIS approved documents to plan treatment sessions and the Clinical Summary to report client's progress. The clinician will also use other facility-specific documentation as required.

39.3.5.3. Recording clinical hours on the appropriate clinical hours forms and for obtaining the clinical educator's signature.

39.3.5.4. Notifying the clinical educator and the Clinic Co-directors in case of absence/illness. The clinical educator will determine how the client's session will be managed in the absence of the clinician.

- 39.3.5.5. Wearing the CDIS nametag while in the facility.
- 39.3.5.6. Checking out at the end of the semester with the facility clinical educator, followed by the Clinic Co-directors.
- 39.3.5.7. Attending classroom portion of the clinic classes and meeting all requirements specified on the syllabi for the clinic classes.
- 39.3.6. The facility will take responsibility for orienting the clinician to facility policies and procedures to include at a minimum:
 - 39.3.6.1. Fire and safety procedures
 - 39.3.6.2. Infection control procedures
 - 39.3.6.3. Incident reporting
 - 39.3.6.4. Confidentiality (protection of sensitive health and identifying information in oral, or written contexts).
 - 39.3.6.5. Records documentation requirements and filing systems.
- 39.3.7. The facility will require that the clinician, at a minimum, use CDIS approved documents to plan (MAPs or equivalent) treatment sessions and to record client progress (Clinical Summary). The facility may require other facility-specific documents in addition to the CDIS approved documents.
- 39.3.8. At the end of the semester, the facility clinical educator will be responsible for reviewing and signing off on the client charts at the facility and for notifying the Clinic Co-directors in writing that all charts are complete and in order.
- 39.3.9. Grading for the off-campus faculty supervised clinical assignment will be the same as grading for the on-campus assignment, as described in the CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, and 5347 syllabi.

40. Use of CDIS Treatment Materials and Diagnostic Instruments

40.1. PURPOSE: To specify the requirements for use of CDIS treatment materials and diagnostic instruments

40.2. POLICY: No CDIS treatment materials or diagnostic instruments may be removed from the materials room (WH 130) without first being appropriately checked out. Failure to follow the appropriate procedures for checking out and returning materials and tests may result in a suspension of check-out privileges, and subsequently loss of clinical hours and competencies. Students enrolled in CDIS 5689 or 5690 (off-campus clinical practicum) are not, under any circumstances, eligible to check out materials or tests from the clinic for off-campus practicum purposes.

40.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

40.3.1. The materials room is open during regular department operating hours.

40.3.2. The procedure to check out therapy materials is as follows:

40.3.2.1. A list of therapy materials sorted by categories is kept in the materials check-out notebook in the materials room.

40.3.2.2. Locate the materials needed by noting the item's shelf location on the list.

40.3.2.3. Enter the date, the name of the items, and the therapy room where the items will be used and the clinician's initials in the appropriate section of the check-out notebook.

40.3.2.4. Enter the date the items are returned.

40.3.2.5. Clean and disinfect items before placing them on their shelf of origin.

40.3.3. The procedure to check out diagnostic instruments is as follows:

40.3.3.1. A list of tests in alphabetical order is kept in the Test Check-out Notebook in the materials room.

40.3.3.2. Locate the test on the shelves in alphabetical order.

40.3.3.3. Remove only the test booklets needed from the plastic holder, placing the holder on the top of the rolling shelves opposite the test shelves.

40.3.3.4. In the test check-out notebook, locate the check-out sheet in alphabetical order for the specific test, enter date and clinician's name.

- 40.3.3.5. When returning the test, enter the date returned, place the test back in the plastic holder and verify that it is filed in the appropriate order on the shelf.
- 40.3.3.6. Diagnostic Instruments may be checked out overnight upon approval of the Clinic Co-directors. Items may not leave the clinic before 4:00 p.m. and must be returned by 10:00 a.m. the next day.
- 40.3.3.7. Students are responsible for the replacement cost of any diagnostic instrument lost, stolen or destroyed while checked out in their name.
- 40.3.4. Students are required to purchase equipment that will be used frequently in diagnostic and therapy sessions, such as a stopwatch, a pen light, and a box of surgical gloves.

41. Observation of Therapy Session

41.1. PURPOSE: To delineate requirements for observing therapy sessions

41.2. POLICY: Observers may not enter any observation area or observe any diagnostic or therapy session without consulting with the appropriate clinical educator.

41.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

41.3.1. Parents are encouraged to observe their child during therapy. At the clinical educator's or Clinic Co-directors' discretion, parents may occasionally be asked to wait in the waiting room if the observation rooms are over-crowded or overly noisy or unsafe for the number of people in the space.

41.3.2. CDIS students may observe sessions of clients not assigned to them only with permission of the clinical educator or as a part of an assignment in a CDIS class and with permission of the clinical educator.

41.3.3. Clinical educators or an appropriate faculty designee should be available during observation periods to answer questions and explain procedures.

42. Use of Departmental Digital Cameras

42.1. PURPOSE: To describe who is authorized to use the Department and/or Clinic digital camera in clinic and under what circumstances and conditions

42.2. POLICY: Only authorized individuals- the Clinic Co-directors, clinical educators, and designated GIAs will be allowed to use this equipment.

42.2.1. Designated graduate students and faculty members utilizing camera equipment to document clinic activities of graduate students and clinic clients must be approved by the Clinic Co-directors.

42.2.2. Only designated graduate instructional assistants or clinical educators will be allowed to take photos during therapy and/or for therapy purposes. Therapy purposes include: photographing objects used in therapy sessions (picture schedules, vocabulary development, language remediation), photographing the client engaged in therapeutic activities (language remediation tasks including spoken and written language).

42.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

42.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors or designee will offer camera equipment instruction, as well as verify that all proper consents have been signed to allow photographing of clients.

42.3.2. Photos of clients must be stored securely on CDIS computers/servers and free of identifying information.

43. Use of Video Recording Technology (VALT System)

43.1.PURPOSE: To describe who is authorized to use the Department and/or Clinic digital video equipment installed in the clinic and under what circumstances and conditions.

43.2.POLICY: Only authorized individuals- the Clinic Co-directors, clinical educators, and designated students will be allowed to use this equipment. Any student using this equipment must obtain approval and specific direction from their direct clinical educator and then from one of the Clinic Co-directors before recording clinical activities. Users are assigned by the Administrator Users at the start of each Fall semester. Users requiring access will be added, and users who no longer require access will be removed.

43.2.1. Once a clinical session is approved for recording, the video remains stored on a secure server, accessible only by authorized individuals. The following naming conventions are required: disorder type_CELastname_session type_semesterYear
EXAMPLE: (Dysphagia_Wendel_Assmt_Spring2026)

43.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

43.3.1. Faculty and students using the VALT Application and equipment must first view the required training tutorials to learn how to capture, edit, name, and store video recordings.

43.3.2. Once video files are edited into their final format and size, and named, the original full-length video will be deleted by a VALT Administrator User.

44. Client Conferences

44.1.PURPOSE: To describe the purpose, time frame, attendees, content, and documentation of client conferences

44.2.POLICY: A conference, attended by the clinical educator, student clinician, aide, child's parent(s) or guardian or the adult client as well as other personnel directly involved in the client's management, is conducted at least one time each semester to summarize the progress made during the treatment period; to make recommendations for the future and/or referrals to other professionals; to receive feedback from the client and/or family member. This is an assigned clinical activity in which student clinicians are evaluated on oral communication in alignment with CFCC Standards.

44.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

44.3.1. The conference is conducted at the regularly scheduled time as detailed in the Clinic Calendar or at another time at the end of the semester that is convenient to the participants. Additional conferences may be scheduled as indicated and approved by the clinical educator.

44.3.2. The clinician is responsible for summarizing the progress made during the semester and the current speech/language status of the client.

44.3.3. The clinician and the clinical educator share the responsibility for making recommendations concerning continuation or termination of therapy as well as referrals

44.3.4. The clinician is responsible for completing the Documentation of Client Conference form during this meeting to include a summary of information presented and a record of client/family member responses. The clinic administration will add it to the client file in the EMR.

44.3.5. The clinician is responsible for making sure the client/family member received a Client Evaluation form from the Clinic Coordinator and has completed the form, particularly the preferred days and time for therapy if continued therapy is recommended.

44.3.5.1. The client or family member may prefer to complete this form in private and to return it later in person or by mail to the clinic office.

44.3.5.2. If the client chooses to complete the form at a later time, the clinician notes this information both on the Contact Log and in the Progress Notes with the entry on the conference.

45. Criteria for Client Discharge from Therapy

45.1.PURPOSE: To specify criteria for discharge that will ensure that clients are discharged in a timely and appropriate manner

45.2.POLICY: A client is discharged from therapy when, in the judgment of the clinical educator, one of the following criteria is met:

45.2.1. Long-term goal(s) have been met.

45.2.2. Client has progressed to the point that the client or the client's family can assume independent management of the communication disorder/delay.

45.2.3. Client fails to demonstrate meaningful functional progress when given adequate time to make such progress.

45.2.4. Client's status changes to the point that the client becomes more suitable for treatment by another type of professional, in which case, a referral will be made.

45.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

45.3.1. Clinical educator confers with Clinic Co-directors once the clinical educator determines that the client is ready to be discharged.

45.3.2. Clinical educator confers with student clinician seeing client for therapy and determines how and when client (and client's family if appropriate) is to be informed.

45.3.3. A student clinician who feels that a client should be discharged from therapy, must discuss the issue with the appropriate clinical educator and receive the clinical educator's approval before discussing discharge with the client.

45.3.4. The student clinician is responsible for writing a Discharge Summary, which must be approved and signed by the appropriate clinical educator prior to placing it in the client's chart.

46. Semester Check-Out

46.1. PURPOSE: To specify the process and procedures used each semester to ensure that all client files are accounted for and complete and that clinic hours earned are accurately logged for each student each semester

46.2. POLICY: To receive credit for the semester's diagnostic and/or therapy hours and the practicum course, student clinicians who have engaged in diagnostics or therapy during the semester at the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic must check-out with the appropriate clinic educator(s) and the assigned Clinic Co-directors at the end of each semester, unless alternate arrangements are made in advance with the Clinic Co-directors. Clinic Checkout is not optional and may not be missed for ANY reason other than a documented emergency.

46.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

46.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors will distribute the appropriate Semester Check-Out Checklist to all clinical educators and student clinicians prior to the end of the semester.

46.3.2. The clinical educators and assigned Clinic Co-director will post sign-up sheets for student clinician check-out times prior to the semester check-out deadline date specified in the semester clinic calendar. Sign-up may be done via hard copy forms or electronically using the practicum course LMS (CANVAS).

46.3.3. Student clinicians must sign-up for an appointment with each clinic educator who provided diagnostic or therapy supervision during the semester

46.3.4. Student clinicians must sign-up for an appointment with the assigned Clinic Co-director subsequent to the appointment(s) with clinic educator(s).

46.3.5. Student clinicians must present all items specified on the Semester Check-Out Checklist to the Clinic Co-directors in completed form and in the order specified on the Semester Check-Out Checklist to successfully complete the semester check-out process.

46.3.6. Student clinicians who present incomplete items or incorrectly ordered items to the assigned clinic co-director at final check-out will be requested to put the items in order and return at the next available time. If a student clinician must make more than two visits to the assigned Clinic Co-director to complete the check-out process, the student's clinical practicum grade can be negatively impacted secondary to lack of preparation, which may include assigning a grade of "incomplete" (I) in CDIS 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347 or CDIS 5689, 5690.

Clinical Documentation & Reports

47. Clinical Documents and Reports

47.1. PURPOSE: To specify the documents/reports to be completed by student clinicians, the appropriate forms and formats to be used, and the time frames to be followed

47.2. POLICY: All clinical documents and reports regarding client services provided by students must be completed in writing using approved forms and formats within specified time frames and must be signed by the clinical educator of record.

47.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

47.3.1. Management and Appraisal Plans (MAPS) are to be completed weekly (or more frequently if requested by the clinical educator).

47.3.1.1. During the fall and spring semesters, the upcoming week's MAP with goal and objective sequences are due at 12 noon on Thursdays for M/W clients and 9:00 a.m. Fridays for T/TH clients. MAPs should be submitted to clinical educators via the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system, unless otherwise specified.

47.3.1.2. During the summer, the alternative due dates and times for MAPs will be announced at the beginning of the summer session.

47.3.1.3. If the clinical educator requests revisions to the MAP, they will make comments in the EMR and send it back to the student for review and/or edits. Students will make revisions until the clinical educator approves the MAP. MAPs must be approved before the therapy session. If there are any questions or concerns about the comments, the student is responsible for contacting the clinical educator as soon as possible *before* the next therapy session.

47.3.1.4. After reviewing the returned MAPs and making required revisions, the student will send them back to the clinical educator via EMR for sign-off. Because the MAP is the therapy plan for the treatment period, all MAPs must be approved prior to the therapy session(s) the MAP addresses.

47.3.1.5. If, under the guidance and direction of the clinical educator, a student is unable to produce an Approved MAP within 12 hours of the scheduled therapy session, the student will receive clinical performance ratings of 1 in relative KASA areas, be eligible for a clinical growth plan, and the therapy session may be rescheduled.

47.3.1.6. SOAP Notes. Students will write SOAP notes on EMR after each therapy session or evaluation. The revision process will be the same as previously discussed: the student will send to the clinical educator for comments, and revisions will continue until the clinical educator approves. **All revisions are due within 24 hours. Failure to revise and return the updated SOAP in a timely manner will result in clinical performance ratings of 1 in related KASA areas** Once clinical educator approves, the student will be asked to sign in the EMR and then send back to the clinical educator for the final signature.

47.3.2. The Clinical Summary, or Progress Note is completed in two parts, the Initial section of the report and the Final section of the report. The two, when put together, form the comprehensive Clinical Summary.

- 47.3.2.1. The Initial section of the report is written midway through therapy at a date set by the clinical director which will appear on the clinical calendar. This section includes the client's history and description of the problem, gives the status of the client at the beginning of the semester, and the semester goals and objectives. **Drafts returned by clinical educators for further revision are due back to the clinical educator within 24 hours. Failure to revise and return the draft in a timely manner will result in clinical performance ratings of 1 in related KASA areas.**
- 47.3.2.2. The final section of the report is a continuation of the initial section to form the Clinical Summary at the end of the semester. The final portion includes status of goals, description of progress made, facilitating techniques used during the semester, and progress/recommendations for future management of the communication problem. The same timeline for drafts and revisions is expected. Once the clinical educator has approved, the student will sign in the EMR and send back to the clinical educator for the final signature.
- 47.3.2.3. The original of the Clinical Summary and the client's completed file are submitted to the clinical educator for review, approval and signatures.
- 47.3.2.4. Clinical Summaries will be sent by secure link through the patient portal in the EMR. Reports are not to be printed unless approved by the clinic director.
- 47.3.3. The Diagnostic Evaluation Summary is first generated in the EMR after the formal evaluation of a new client.
- 47.3.3.1. All clinicians should use the evaluation summary template found in the EMR. The template includes:
- 47.3.3.1.1. Client Identifying Information
 - 47.3.3.1.2. Description of the Problem and chief concern
 - 48.3.3.1.3. Case History information
 - 48.3.3.1.4. Description of Test Behavior
 - 48.3.3.1.5. Test Results
 - 48.3.3.1.6. Summary & Impressions
 - 48.3.3.1.7. Recommendations
 - 48.3.3.1.8. Signatures
- 47.3.3.2. If the initial draft needs more work than simple editing, the clinical educator shall make an appointment with the student within one day to discuss the specifics of writing the report.
- 47.3.3.3. The second draft is due the next day. **All subsequent student drafts are due within 24 hours.**

- 47.3.3.4. If the draft is going back and forth without obvious improvement, the clinical educator may choose to rewrite the report and grade the student appropriately, including possible loss of clinical hours accrued during the evaluation and performance ratings of 1 or 2 in related KASA areas.
- 47.3.3.5. The goal for completing and mailing the Summary of Diagnostic Evaluation is no more than 10-15 business days from the completion of the diagnostic. (3 weeks)

Audiology

48. Background Coursework for Audiology

48.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that every student has the needed academic coursework prior to starting the audiology practicum experience

48.2. POLICY: All students participating in audiology practicum must have successfully completed an introduction to audiology course (CDIS 4420 or equivalent) and an aural rehabilitation course (CDIS 4370 or equivalent).

48.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

48.3.1. Students are initially informed about the background courses during Graduate Orientation, which is held prior to the first day of class in August.

48.3.2. The instructor of CDIS 5321 then verbally confirms with each student that all prerequisites are met during the first class.

49. Preparation for Professional Contacts in Audiology

49.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that the student is prepared for every client contact during his/her audiology practicum

49.2. POLICY: Students are responsible for the planning and coordination of all clinical audiology activities

49.2.1. Students must meet with the supervising audiologist prior to a scheduled activity to discuss the case.

49.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

49.3.1. The student must be prepared before the consultation with the audiologist. This involves file review and establishing an appropriate diagnostic hypothesis or (re)habilitative goals/objectives.

49.3.2. Detailed activities pertaining to planning, such as specific tests, modifications, checklists, forms, etc. are available in the class packet on CANVAS for audiology practicum.

50. Scheduling of Audiology Practicum

- 50.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that the student clinicians receive an appropriate audiology experience that will complement the professional duties of a speech-language pathologist
- 50.2. POLICY: Students will be assigned specific, regular clinical slots throughout the semester. Each student is responsible for the audiological activity scheduled in his/her time slot.
- 50.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:
 - 50.3.1. Assignments will be coordinated with academic demands as well as with speech-language clinic assignments prior to the beginning of each semester. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with speech/language clients.
 - 50.3.2. Students are minimally scheduled for one morning or afternoon slot on a rotating basis and the number of slots a student is assigned will vary per semester based on the number of students enrolled in audiology practicum. The student's schedule and clinical needs are taken into account when assigning times.
 - 50.3.3. Time slots cannot be exchanged between students during the semester.
 - 50.3.4. Audiology practicum is completed during the first year of graduate school so as not to compete with off-campus clinical assignments during the student's second year of graduate study.
 - 50.3.5. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her slots regularly during the week. Students are typically not scheduled for an audiology activity less than 24 hours prior to the start of that activity unless an emergency situation arises. Every attempt is made to give the student 48 hours' notice for planning prior to an audiology clinical activity.
 - 50.3.6. Audiology practicum sometimes extends beyond the scheduled speech-language clinic hours. Audiology practicum does not necessarily follow the Speech-Language practicum schedule. There are times when students are assigned to audiology practicum activities outside their scheduled time slots. Consideration is always given to other academic and clinical responsibilities prior to a student's assignment to extra clinical hours.

51. Audiology Facilities

51.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that the clinical equipment and facilities are kept in a state suitable for audiological diagnostics and (re)habilitation

51.2. POLICY: Students share in the responsibility for the general upkeep of the audiology clinical facilities.

51.2.1. The student must ensure that the equipment and facilities have been prepared prior to a scheduled audiological activity. This includes the general arrangement of the space for testing purposes and the presence of needed forms, pens, tests, etc.

51.2.2. The clinical facilities include the sound booths used for testing (WH 142 A/B, 144 A/B), the audiology workroom (WH 149), the audiology programming room (WH 148) and the audiology counseling room (WH 147).

51.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

51.3.1. A neat and organized appearance must be maintained in the sound suite area and the adjacent rooms. Forms, tests, pens, etc. should always be put away immediately following each activity.

51.3.2. It is the student's responsibility to clean and disinfect all areas used, including the chairs and tables in the Audiology Counseling room and equipment and chairs used in the sound booth.

51.3.3. It is the students' responsibility to ensure an adequate supply of forms and supplies.

51.3.4. The supervising audiologist must be notified if the supply of any item warrants attention or if any of the equipment is not working properly.

52. Audiology Clinical Responsibilities

52.1. PURPOSE: To ensure that every student receives the audiology training needed to become a professional speech-language pathologist and every client receives the best and most appropriate audiological care

52.2. POLICY: Students will conduct themselves in a professional manner prior to, during, and subsequent to the actual clinical activity.

52.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

52.3.1. Students must obtain and review the class packet during the week after the first class meeting of the clinical practicum. This packet is available on CANVAS. This packet contains detailed information on audiological protocols, best practice algorithms, and paperwork issues.

52.3.2. Punctuality, effective use of time and prior information, demonstration of initiative, and independent investigation and learning are important components of professional activity and are expected of each student.

52.3.3. The student will always be responsible to the client. This is the governing principle of all clinical activity and will be stressed in all learning activities.

52.3.4. Specific clinical activities and expected competencies relating to audiology are given to each student during the first week of graduate school. Meeting these competencies is the basis for each student's evaluation and final grade in audiology practicum. Student evaluations are done informally during and after every clinical experience. A formal, written evaluation is completed at midterm and at the conclusion of the student's audiology practicum experience during the long semesters, and only a final evaluation is completed during the summer semesters. Only the final written evaluation will be factored into the student's grade.

Students must follow the established Infection Control Protocols as found in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic's Infection Control Manual.

53. Student Responsibilities Following an Audiological Clinical Activity

53.1. PURPOSE: To ensure the development of a complete professional by stressing the importance of administrative and record-keeping activities

53.2. POLICY: Students will be evaluated for skill development in post-session activities

53.2.1. Students are responsible for cleaning the area used during an audiological activity and employing appropriate infection control protocols.

53.2.2. Students are responsible for completing identifying information and pertinent clinical information on every form immediately following each audiological activity.

53.2.3. Students are responsible for appropriate and timely reports and SOAP notes.

53.2.4. Students are responsible for completing all sections of the client's chart.

53.2.5. Students are responsible for documenting hours earned using a hard copy and entering hours in CALIPSO as part of the monthly submission of accrued clinical hours.

53.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

53.3.1. Initial worksheets and a completed client folder must be submitted for review by the clinical educator by 5:00 P.M. on the second business day following an audiology activity.

53.3.2. Subsequent drafts/revisions of the client folder and report are due 24 hours after the student receives notification of the needed revisions. All revisions and drafts are kept in the client's folder until the final version is mailed. At that time, all old versions are shredded as soon as possible.

53.3.3. A final copy of the report is completed after the clinical educator indicates this is appropriate. Final copies should be single-spaced, on letterhead, and signed in black ink. Papers that need shredding are grouped. The final copy of the chart and report is returned to the clinical educator for a final inspection, signing and mailing. Students are not to mail reports under any circumstances.

Off-campus Clinical Placements

54. Application and Approval for Off-Campus Clinical Placement

54.1. PURPOSE: To specify the time frames and processes for application and approval of off-campus clinical practicum placements with the ultimate goal of an on-time program completion/Graduation.

54.2. POLICY: All applications for off-campus clinical practicum must be submitted to the Clinic Co-directors during the fall or spring semester preceding the requested off-campus placement and be approved by the department coordinators prior to placement.

54.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

54.3.1. Students in the MS/MA degree programs participate in off-campus practicum during the last two semesters of graduate study. Students are required to enroll in clinical practica every semester of their graduate studies.

54.3.2. Each student submits the Clinical Practicum Application and Student Profile by the due date specified by the Director of Clinical Education (DCE). Information in this application will assist in placing students for both off-campus rotations. Clinical assignments are not made based on a student's current address, and students may be required to commute or move residences to fulfill the practicum assignment and graduate on schedule. Assignments are based on student needs as they relate to CFCC standards (Knowledge and Skills Acquisition) and licensure requirements.

54.3.3. The designated Clinic Co-director (typically DCE) contacts potential clinical sites, determines the appropriateness of the site for each student by cross-referencing hours and competencies the site provides and the hours and competencies the student needs, and notifies students of their off-campus placement once it is secured.

*Under no circumstances should the student contact the site prior to the initial contact by the Clinic Co-director.

54.3.4. Off-campus clinical educators' certification (ASHA), licensure (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation), and ASHA-required training certificates will be verified prior to the accrual of any client contact hours. Verification is done by obtaining current copies of each clinical educator's ASHA member card and state license.

55. Required Enrollment and Academic Standing for Off-Campus Placement

55.1. PURPOSE: To specify the mandatory CDIS enrollment and level of academic standing required to participate in off-campus clinical practicum

55.2. POLICY: CDIS graduate students must (a) be enrolled in a clinical practicum course, usually CDIS 5689 or 5690, every semester they are enrolled for graduate work toward the CDIS degree and are accruing CFCC and state-required hours at an approved off-campus site and (b) be in good academic standing (not on academic probation). Graduate students coming off academic probation may not participate in off-campus clinical experiences until they have completed at least one successful semester of combined academic and on-campus clinical work and/or have been granted permission for off-campus practicum by the designated faculty.

56. Eligibility for Out of Area or Out-of-State Practicum Placement

56.1. PURPOSE: To specify the requirements that determine student eligibility for placement in an off-campus rotation that is outside of the Killeen/San Antonio corridor, or outside of the state.

56.2. POLICY: Students are traditionally placed for practicum experiences in facilities within the Central Texas area to allow University personnel to be as involved as necessary with the supervision of the student in the facility. Out-of-area placements or Out-of-state placements are also possible and determined on a case-by-case basis, provided such placements are available, and the following requirements are met:

56.2.1. To be eligible for out-of-area or out-of-state placements during the spring semester of the second year of graduate school, the student must:

56.2.1.1. Be enrolled for graduate study full-time;

56.2.1.2. Have an academic grade point average of at least 3.5;

56.2.1.3. Have never been placed on a clinical, academic, or professional growth plan;

56.2.1.4. Have 2 letters of recommendation from previous clinical faculty and/or off-campus supervisors;

56.2.1.5. Justify, in writing via a letter of intent, why an out-of-area or out-of-state placement is requested/required to meet graduation and certification requirements. Students must describe the professional attributes they consider strengths as well as areas for growth that will promote a positive image of them and of the department. Students must also propose and support how they will meet the criteria to obtain a passing grade in any CDIS classes they will be enrolled in during the semester they will be out- of-area.

56.2.2. Some circumstances will require students to complete one or both of their off-campus placements in facilities outside the Central Texas corridor. Individual circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

56.2.3. Placements in out-of-area or out-of-state rotations are considered conditional until all grades are final for the semester preceding the assigned rotation. Placements may be rescinded if a student fails to meet and maintain the criteria listed above.

56.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

56.3.1. Students requesting out-of-area or out-of-state placements will follow the regular procedures for applying for off-campus practicum placement. They must submit, with their applications, the information listed in 59.2.1 above.

57. Possible Requirements of Off-Campus Sites

57.1. PURPOSE: To specify possible requirements of off-campus practicum sites and the person responsible for communicating those requirements to students

57.2. POLICY: Off-campus practicum sites may set their requirements for students prior to beginning off-campus experiences such as complete physical examination, immunization verification, drug testing, criminal background check, safety training, specific coursework or clinical experiences, and/or successful interview, among others. It is the responsibility of the CDIS Clinic Co-directors to discuss requirements with each site and to inform students of these requirements.

57.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

57.3.1. The CDIS Clinic Co-directors will update the Off-Campus Placement Document with practicum site requirements as the requirements become known.

57.3.2. If a drug screening is required in which a urine sample is provided by the student, the following policy will apply regarding a “Negative Dilute” result:

57.3.2.1. The student must repeat the drug screening using the same Texas State vendor within 7 days (one week) of the previous result at his/her expense.

57.3.2.2. If a second “negative dilute” result is obtained, the student’s off-campus practicum is suspended until a Negative result is obtained.

57.3.3. The student is responsible for reporting all other requirements of his/her off-campus practicum site to the Clinic Co-directors so that these can be verified and added to the Off-Campus Placement database.

57.3.4. The student is responsible for obtaining all required training and documentation necessary for participation in practicum at a chosen site, as well as associated costs.

57.3.5. The student is responsible for securing reliable transportation to and from their assigned off campus sites.

57.3.6. Students may be required to obtain a Criminal Background Check (CBC) prior to placement in certain externship sites. Students selecting a site requiring a CBC are responsible for any costs associated with obtaining the background check. Students should also be advised that they may deny a license to an applicant because of conviction for a felony or misdemeanor if the crime directly relates to the professional duties of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Felonies and misdemeanors which directly relate to professional practice include, but are not limited to: practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without a license; failing to report child abuse or neglect; deceptive business practices; Title 5 offenses (homicide, kidnapping, assault or sexual assault); Title 7 offenses (arson, burglary, theft, insurance fraud, money laundering, or computer crimes); Title 8 offenses (bribery, perjury, obstructing governmental operation, or abuse of public office); Title 9 offenses (disorderly conduct, public indecency); and Title 10 offenses (possession of weapons, gambling, alcoholic beverage offenses, and conduct affecting public health).

58. Professional Conduct at Off-Campus Sites

58.1. PURPOSE: To delineate the student's responsibility to maintain professional conduct while assigned to off-campus practicum site

58.2. POLICY: The student assigned to an off-campus clinical practicum site must meet all applicable professional conduct behavior requirements at the site as though he/she were a staff member of the facility. These professional behaviors may include, but are not limited to, dressing professionally and appropriately, being punctual, and maintaining records as required by the facility. Inappropriate behavior by a student, as determined by the on-site clinical educator and in consultation with the CDIS Clinic Co-directors and faculty, may result in the student being removed immediately from the site, a grade of F for CDIS 5689/5690, and non-accrual of CFCC and state-required clinical hours.

58.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

58.3.1. Students should engage their on-site clinical educator in discussions of the types of behaviors that are required at the site.

58.3.2. Students should discuss any problems that arise at the practicum site with their on-site clinical educator and with the CDIS Clinic Co-directors.

59. Attendance at Lecture Section of CDIS 5689/5690

59.1. PURPOSE: To specify the student clinician's responsibility for attending the scheduled CDIS 5689/5690 lecture section during off-campus practicum

59.2. POLICY: The student clinician is required to attend the lecture section associated with CDIS 5689/5690. Attendance policy is specified in the CDIS 5689/5690 syllabus.

59.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

59.3.1. It is the student's responsibility to notify the off-campus clinical educator of the required lecture section associated with CDIS 5689/5690.

59.3.2. In case of a scheduling conflict with the off-campus practicum site, the student will provide written documentation in advance from the on-site clinical educator specifying the schedule conflict and asking that the student be excused from the lecture.

59.3.3. Absence from the lecture due to other reasons will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the student. Attendance policy is clearly outlined in the CDIS 5689/5690 course syllabi.

60. Responsibility of Clinician when Absent from Off-Campus Site

60.1. PURPOSE: To specify the student clinician's responsibilities to the practicum site and to the university when absent from off-campus practicum

60.2. POLICY: The student clinician is required and responsible for the timely notification of his/her clinical educator at the off-campus practicum site when he/she must be absent. The student clinician is also required and responsible for notifying the assigned Clinic Co-director at the same time.

60.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

60.3.1. The student clinician will use the type (phone call, email, etc.) of notification specified by the on-site clinical educator.

60.3.2. The student clinician will telephone or email the Clinic Co-directors immediately after the on-site clinical educator is notified.

61. Changes to Approved Schedule during Off-Campus Clinical Practicum

61.1. PURPOSE: To specify the required duration of the student's commitment to clinical responsibilities and campus responsibilities during an off-campus practicum placement and the student's responsibility to report all schedule changes.

61.2. POLICY: Enrollment in CDIS 5689/5690 commits the student to an entire semester (official start date of the semester through the final checkout appointment) of clinical responsibilities, which may include on-campus obligations, unless a shorter duration is approved in advance by the CDIS Clinic Co-directors and the Department Chair.

61.2.1. All student schedule changes at the off-campus practicum site must be submitted in writing to and approved in advance by the assigned CDIS Clinic Co-director. Exclusive approval of the off-campus clinical educator is prohibited.

61.2.2. Failure to notify the CDIS Clinic Co-directors in writing of termination of therapy or change of student schedule in the off-campus placement site will result in a faculty review of the issues and possible loss of academic credit for CDIS 5689/5690 for the semester and/or loss of clinical hours for the semester. For some students, this may delay graduation.

61.2.3. Students may not check-out until the end of the semester at the specified check-out time even if they have completed the minimal number of required clinical hours at the practicum site.

61.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

61.3.1. The student will provide the Clinic Co-directors with a revised, dated, and signed schedule form in advance of every change in the student's schedule.

61.3.2. The Clinic Co-directors will discuss the requested schedule change with the student's clinical practicum clinical educator if appropriate and notify the student and clinical educator in writing of the approval or disapproval of the proposed schedule change.

62. Student's Departmental Responsibilities during Off-Campus Practicum

62.1. PURPOSE: To delineate the student's on-campus responsibilities during off-campus practicum

62.2. POLICY: Enrollment in CDIS 5689/5690 practicum may, at the discretion of the Clinic Co-directors, include on-campus meetings, on-campus diagnostic and therapy assignments in addition to the off-campus assignment.

62.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

62.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors will notify students in writing via email, or via phone contact when student has an on-campus obligation.

62.3.2. To assure that the Clinic Co-directors can make on-campus assignments if needed that do not conflict with the student's off-campus practicum schedule, the student is required to provide the Clinic Co-directors with updates to his/her off-campus schedule as changes occur.

63. Clinical Educator's Evaluation of Student Clinician in Off-Campus Practicum

63.1. PURPOSE: To delineate how students are evaluated in off-campus clinical practicums

63.2. POLICY: The off-campus practicum clinical educator must complete a written comprehensive evaluation, via CALIPSO, of the student's work at midterm, and at the end of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the evaluation in a timely manner, according to the CDIS 5689/5690 Course calendar.

63.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

63.3.1. The CDIS Clinic Co-directors, prior to the beginning of the student's practicum, provides the clinical educator a Supervisory Packet. This packet contains a CALIPSO help index that outlines instructions on how to complete evaluations on CALIPSO. The Clinic Co-directors may also provide training sessions over the phone as needed.

63.3.2. A mid-term evaluation of the student is highly recommended, especially if the student is having difficulty meeting expectations at the practicum site.

63.3.3. The Clinic Co-directors will provide the student and the clinical educator with a date each semester that will serve as the deadline for submitting the completed evaluation to the student's CALIPSO database.

63.3.4. The CDIS Clinic Co-directors are responsible for combining the grades from the clinical educator with the lecture portion of the grade in accordance with the CDIS 5689/5690 class syllabi

64. Off-campus Semester Check-out

64.1. PURPOSE: To specify the process and procedures used each semester to ensure that all off-campus student clinicians have successfully cleared with their facilities and that the CAA and state-required clinical hours earned are accurately logged for each student

64.2. POLICY: To receive credit for the semester's diagnostic and/or therapy hours and for the practicum course, student clinicians who have engaged in off-campus diagnostics or therapy during the semester must successfully complete check-out with their off-campus facility clinical educator prior to checking out with the Clinic Co-directors. Final checkout is not optional, and attendance is required unless a documented emergency has occurred.

64.3. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY:

64.3.1. The Clinic Co-directors will distribute the appropriate Semester Check-out Checklist to student clinicians at least three weeks prior to the end of the semester. All items listed on the checklist must be presented at the time of check-out with the Clinic Co-directors.

64.3.2. Student clinicians must fully complete their Documentation of Clinical Hours forms then obtain the practicum clinical educator's initials on the forms prior to check-out with the Clinic Co-directors.

64.3.3. Hours will not be counted unless verified by the on-site clinical educator and the Clinic Co-directors and unless adequate supervision, as defined by the CFCC, was provided.

Appendices

Infection Control Training Record

As required by the Infection Control Training and Retraining Programs of this department, the initial training session via an on-line Power Point presentation or in-person talk was completed on (date)_____.

This training covered Infection Control, CDC Universal Precautions, Methods of transmission of disease spread, Air-borne and blood-borne diseases, OSHA Guidelines, Interpretation of Guidelines dependent on work setting, Cleaning vs disinfecting vs sterilization techniques, Hand hygiene, safe management of equipment, environment and body fluids, PPE, and Employee Classification.

Completed by (printed name) _____

Signature _____

Presenter/Trainer (printed name) _____

Signature _____

Exposure Classification Record

The designated employee or student was classified according to work task exposure to certain bodily fluids as required by the current OSHA infection control standard on

(date) _____ as follows:

Employee/student name (print):

ID#:

Circle the appropriate category below:

CATEGORY 1) All procedures or other job-related tasks involve an inherent potential for mucous membrane or skin contact with blood, bodily fluids or tissues, or a potential for spills or splashes of blood or bodily fluids.

CATEGORY 2) Some tasks in the normal work routine may lead to exposure to blood or other infectious substances, but exposure is not inherent in the job.

CATEGORY 3) The normal work routine leads to no exposure to blood, bodily fluid or tissues.

Employee/student signature: _____ -

Because of a change of job assignment, the above employee/student was reclassified on (date)
- as follows:

- Category 1

- Category 2

- Category 3

Employer/Clinical Educator Signature: _____ -

Department of Communication Disorders Incident Report

Date of this report: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Person reporting & title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Clinical Educator (if other than the person reporting incident): _____

Incident Information:

Date of discovery: _____

Date of incident: _____

Time of incident: _____

Location of incident: _____

Person(s) involved (include addresses if known): _____

Physical injuries, potential harm and risks incurred: (near-injuries, confidential data breach/

security risks) Property damage: _____

Notification procedures followed (individual contacted, date, time): _____

Describe the incident as fully as possible including elements leading to the incident, actions taken and possible factors in the cause of (use the back of this form as necessary).

Signature: _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Follow-up and Results:

Clinic Co-director Signature _____

Date _____

Postexposure- Management Record

The following employee/student clinician was the subject of an infectious disease exposure incident on (date) _____ and was examined and treated as follows:

Employee/student name _____ ID# _____

Type of incident (describe) _____

Route of Exposure

Source patient information:

- Source patient was identified but refused to contribute blood.

- Source patient was identified and blood was secured from such patient. Results of source patient's blood testing are attached.

Employee hereby grants permission for tests for antibodies of HIV-1 and/or HBV and acknowledges that the employee/student has been counseled concerning such tests.

Employee/student signature _____

Date _____

The following tests were administered under the supervision of a qualified physician:
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) antibodies.

Hepatitis B virus antibodies.

Other tests (please list)

Date(s) of test(s) _____ Result(s) of test(s)- See physician's or laboratory report attached.

Employee/student hereby acknowledges that the employee/student was counseled and a written copy of the results of the above test(s) was furnished to such employee/student on (date)

_____ .

Employee/student signature _____ Date _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Diagnostic and Therapy Session Feedback

Date(s): _____ **Clinician:** _____ **Clinical Educator:** _____

Client Info: Age: _____ **Initials:** _____ **Disorder:** _____

Clinical Educator/Student Conference Agenda

Student's goal(s) for diagnostic session or week of therapy (Not client's therapy goals):

Student objectives to achieve goals:

Strengths:

Opportunities
For improvement:

Next week's therapy OR next diagnostic session goal(s):

Therapy/Diagnostic Rating: (rate applicable areas using scale on back)

<i>Skill</i>	<i>score</i>	<i>Skill</i>	<i>score</i>
A. Preparation/organization	_____	G. Appropriate technique	_____
B. Professional appearance and action	_____	H. Appropriate materials	_____
C. Administers formal/informal tests	_____	I. Appropriate language	_____
D. Behavior management	_____	J. Goal/objective focus	_____
E. Charting accuracy	_____	K. Flexibility	_____
F. Interprets responses appropriately	_____		

Narrative Comments & Feedback:

Additional comments & feedback):**Clinician Self-Evaluation:**

Rating	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Not Evident	Emerging	Present	Adequate	Consistent
Sup. Requirement	Skill present <25% Modeling/intervention	Skill present 26-50% Frequent Intervention	Skill present 51-75% Frequent monitoring	Skill present 76-90% Infrequent monitoring	Skill present >90% Guidance

Establishing Supervisory Needs

Name

Semester

Site

Client's initials/Age:

Date

It is important for you to think about and establish what your needs are from this clinical rotation. Please answer the questions honestly.

1. Describe any previous clinical experiences you have had.
 - a. What was good about the previous experience?
 - b. What aspects of the experience were not good?
2. How much supervision do you feel you need?
3. What do you want to learn from this specific clinical experience? (This can be very specific or very broad or both)
4. What type of feedback do you prefer written, oral, real-time?



CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Students at the Texas State University Department of Communication Disorders (CDIS) have access to and work with confidential records of actual clients from the Texas State Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and from off-campus health care facilities.

Two factors relative to student access of client records during the clinical education process must be stressed:

1. Legally, the information in the client's health record belongs to the client. A violation of client confidentiality has serious legal consequences.
2. The Code of Ethics of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation stipulates that confidentiality of client information is a part of professional responsibility and integrity.

Due to these legal and ethical considerations, any student enrolled in the CDIS program who reveals contents of a client's record, except as it relates to the educational process in the classroom or at a clinical site, may be dismissed from CDIS Clinical Practicum activities.

I _____, attest to the following: (1) I understand the CDIS Client Confidentiality Policy and Procedure Statement; (2) I understand that the penalty for violation of a client's confidentiality may warrant dismissal from the CDIS Clinical practicum; (3) I agree to maintain the confidentiality of client information to which I am exposed as a CDIS student; (4) I understand and agree that if I employ use of a personal laptop, tablet, or portable storage device in the CDIS department, my laptop, tablet, or portable device is subject to random audit by the CDIS Clinic director; (5) I understand and agree that USE of personal cameras, including cell phones with cameras, or mobile devices /tablet with cameras is prohibited in the speech-language-hearing clinic and at University sponsored clinic events.

Student signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Witness: _____

Date signed: _____

This agreement will remain on file with the Texas State Department of Communication Disorders and will be made available to all clinical educators to whom students have been assigned.

Texas State University
Department of Communication Disorders
Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Diagnostic Preparation and Execution Procedure

PRE - DIAGNOSTIC

- Receive diagnostic/clinic assignment memorandum from Clinic Co-directors or admin assistant.
- Schedule meeting with assigned clinical educator, then
- Review client's chart thoroughly BEFORE meeting with clinical educator. Be prepared to discuss:
 1. Reason for referral (parent or physician concerns)
 2. Client's developmental history
 3. What kinds of, if any "red flags" exist?
 4. Client's academic performance or work/daily performance
 5. Any prior assessments including audio, FIE/school eval, swallow studies, etc.
 6. History of prior speech therapy treatment
 7. Your ideas on what areas should be tested (1st semester grads)
 8. Suggested tests you've selected and rationale for selecting them (Spring & Summer semesters)
 9. Know and review the sequence of your plan
- Know assigned room for diagnostic (obtain from Clinic Co-directors 3 days prior to scheduled assessment)
- Review, PRACTICE, and KNOW the test /s you will administer including: test procedure(s), baselines, ceilings, allowed errors, allowed cueing, and scoring.

THE TIME OF THE DIAGNOSTIC

- Review and double check the sequence of your plan. Obtain correct stimulus items/manuals, etc. (English vs. Spanish; correct age range, and so on).
- Gather and prepare appropriate materials
- Meet client and parents in waiting room
- Review forms and gather necessary signatures for *informed consent*
- Escort client to assigned clinic room
- Perform diagnostic evaluation

POST - DIAGNOSTIC

- Score raw data/test results – Make certain your math is correct and you've looked at correct charts/tables in the manual;
- Schedule meeting with clinical educator
- Analyze diagnostic information/observations
- Check and double check test tables
- Meet with clinical educator to review results and set report expectations
- Write first draft of diagnostic evaluation summary, which is due 3 business days after the eval.
- Follow procedure to complete diagnostic report within 2 weeks of date of diagnostic
- Schedule follow up Results conference with client in collaboration w/ your clinical educator

- Follow-up with Clinic Coordinator to schedule Results conference or teleconference with client/family/caregiver
- Meet with client/family/caregiver and discuss results and recommendations from diagnostic evaluation

Department of Communication Disorders Clinical Practicum Application & Student Profile

Student Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

City of Residence: _____

Phone: _____

Bilingual concentration? Y N

Autism Concentration? Y N

Fluency Concentration? Y N

NVS Y N

VIP Y N

Undergraduate Degree:**Needs Assessment:**

Experiences you **need** to get to fulfill graduation requirements (minimum 400 hours & competencies) Please list:

Additional comments you would like to include:

Experiences you **would like to get** while in graduate school (icing on the cake) Please List:

Additional comments you would like to include:

Texas State Clinical Experience (Please include assignments to date as well as age and disorders):**Employment Interest after Graduation:**

(Circle **No more** than 2)

Pediatric clinic

outpatient rehab
skilled nursing

public schools

acute care/hospital

Residential Rehab Facility

ECI – Pedi home health

Other:

Out of Area Practicum: Students wishing to participate in practicum experiences outside of the Central Texas corridor (Austin to San Antonio and about 30 miles to the east/west) must be eligible to do so.