

SIUE SPPA Observation Hours Guidelines

ASHA 2014 Standards: Guided observation hours generally precede direct contact with clients/patients. The observation...hours must be within the ASHA Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology* and must be under the supervision of a qualified professional who holds current ASHA certification in the appropriate practice area. Such supervision may occur simultaneously with the student's observation or afterwards through review and approval of written reports or summaries submitted by the student. Students may use video recordings of client services for observation purposes.

- The minimum number of observation hours which must be obtained prior to obtaining the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Speech-Language Pathology is 25**.
 - Remember, you don't obtain your CCC until after you complete graduate school.
 - You may be required to obtain these hours before beginning graduate school. You should check specific program requirements.
 - You may obtain as many hours as you want in SLP or even in Audiology, but only 25 hours in SLP can be counted toward your CCC.
- Record your observation hours using the SIUE Observation Log located on the website under the Student Resources tab.
 - Record your observations in minutes.
- Before you arrange for an observation, ensure that the SLP you are observing has his/her CCC **PRIOR** to the observation. You cannot count observation hours unless the SLP has his/her CCC.
- Remember, you are representing SIUE when do an observation. Make sure you follow dress code requirements, procedures, policies, etc. Observing an SLP also is an important networking opportunity for you; be sure to make a good impression!
- You will receive about 10 hours of observation in conjunction with SPPA 446 (Clinical Observation and Methods).
- SIUE faculty do not set-up observation hours for you. It is your responsibility to locate and contact an SLP to observe. If you are a member of SWISHA (Southwest Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association) or ISHA (Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association), this might be a good resource to use to locate an SLP to observe.

* = consult the ASHA Scope of Practice document if you have a question

** = the Clinical Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Audiology does not have an observation hour requirement.