

**The University of Texas at Tyler**  
**Communication Sciences & Disorders Program**  
**HECC 4390 Senior Seminar: Clinical Procedures and Clinical Observation**  
**Spring 2021**

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**Office Hours:** ONLINE (*available via email and/or Zoom Monday-Friday*).

I make sure to respond to emails within 24-48 hours. I do not respond to emails after work hours or during weekends/holidays.

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Please make sure to download and save a copy of this syllabus and all course materials. Please refer to the syllabus regularly to keep up with assignments.

**Required text:**

Paul, R. (2020). *Introduction to Clinical Methods in Communication Disorders, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Paul H. Brookes: Baltimore, MD.

**Required:**

- Regular access to APA Style formatting via Purdue OWL at:  
[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_for\\_mat.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_for_mat.html)
- Subscription to Master Clinician network (The \$40 fee is already paid by the department for all COMD students enrolled in the course)

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to introduce students to clinical procedures, protocols, clinical and professional conduct, ethics, clinical writing, clinical observation, clinician management and administrative issues, legal issues, privacy laws, multicultural issues, and treatment and diagnostic procedures. One major focus is on the development of critical analysis and clinical observation.

The 25 clinical observation hours required by ASHA are integrated into this course. Students will obtain all 25 hours upon completion of the course. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, observation hours will be obtained by viewing and analyzing Master Clinician Network treatment and diagnostic videos. Failure to obtain complete all 25 hours by the end of the semester will result in failing the course.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Successfully complete 1500 minutes of supervised clinical observation of speech language evaluation and treatment sessions. These hours will span all ages and the various disorders of communication and swallowing.
- Discuss appropriate clinical and professional conduct

- Analyze ASHA's Code of Ethics and relate it to responsibilities of professionals working in the field of communication disorders.
- Explain ASHA's Scope of Practice relate it to responsibilities of the professionals working in the field of communication disorders
- Explain client/patient's rights and confidentiality
- Objectively analyze treatment and/or diagnostic sessions regarding behavioral paradigms (stimulus – response), intervention strategies, interpersonal skills, behavior management, materials, setting and data collection.
- Identify multicultural issues related to clinical practice and clinical procedures in diagnosis and treatment of communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan.
- Generate pieces of clinical and professional writing including treatment objectives, evaluation report summaries, progress reports, and SOAP notes.

### **Teaching Method:**

Students will be assigned a number of MCN videos that add up to 1500 minutes to view throughout the semester. Clinical resources will be provided before viewing each video. These resources include treatment log forms, form for documenting observation hours, and specific guidelines to guide them through the observation process.

Students will complete a series of short writing tasks focusing on clinical procedures and protocols. The class will also provide power point presentations and online discussions on specific cases and issues. There will be at least 3 live Zoom sessions. In addition, each student will participate in 2-3 conference sessions that focus on her/his specific work. A variety of online resources will be utilized during this course.

### **Course Policies:**

**Note:** *It is essential that you read this syllabus thoroughly and refer to it REGULARLY. Not doing so could cause you to miss some very important deadlines, and you certainly do not want to be overwhelmed. Students are expected to show responsibility and to thoroughly follow all course guidelines outlined in this syllabus.*

### **Course Assignments:**

*Very important*

- *You are required to keep word copies of each written assignment you submit until the very end of the course.*
- *All assignments MUST be submitted in Word format and ONLY in the designated folders on Canvas.*
- *All assignments submitted for this course MUST be ORIGINAL and must be ONLY written for this course and ONLY for this semester. Any assignments submitted in previous courses or previous semesters will receive zero credit.*
- **Absolutely NO** emailed assignments. Assignments must be submitted on CANVAS, in their designated folder and by the due date (which is listed in the course schedule grid at the end of this document).
- All written assignments must follow APA Style: i.e., they must be in Word Document form, in double-space, and in Times New Roman font # 12. To learn how to use APA style documentation, please go to Purdue OWL: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>. Also, there on CANVAS (course menu) you will find a folder titled "APA Resources." Following these steps will ensure you do not lose any points.

- **Late Assignment and Rewrite Rule:** This course involves a series of assignments that need to be submitted on time in order to get maximum credit. *If a student fails to submit an assignment by the deadline, s/he will have one week to submit it; however, 21% will be taken off due to missing the deadline. Assignments that are more than 1 week overdue will NOT be accepted for credit.* If the submitted assignment does not meet the criteria, the student will be given the option to re-write it, but 21% will be taken off. The rewrite must be submitted within 1 week. It will not be accepted after 7 days. **Note: in this course (as well as other courses I teach) there is no work for extra credit, and no chances for retaking any quiz.**
- **Important:** *Please do not ask me to edit or your work or “look it over” prior to submitting it. You are welcome to seek editing support help from the Writing Center (at the Student Success Center). You are welcome to ask me any specific questions about the assignment, but I do not edit assignments or read them before grading them.*

### Submitting Assignments:

Absolutely NO emailed assignments. Assignments must be submitted on CANVAS, in their designated folder. If the folder is not visible or accessible for any reason, please inform me and I will look into it immediately.

All assignments must be submitted online and are expected by the due dates, unless a student has an EXTENDED emergency (including hospitalization, death in the family, court duty, accident). In that case, the student MUST present written evidence. A student wishing to submit an assignment after the deadline can do so; however, that assignment will lose 21%. Please read the Assignment Rewrite/resubmission Policy.

To submit assignments, please go to the Course Assignment folder on Canvas (course menu). In this folder you will find links for submitting each assignment. You will also find guidelines and grading rubrics pertaining to each assignment. All written assignments must be submitted as WORD Docs and as ATTACHMENTS. Please do NOT copy and paste: this will change your format and may make your entire assignment unreadable. Also, before uploading the assignment, please verify that you are submitting the right file. Any wrong assignments, or assignments not submitted in the designated folder, will receive a zero grade.

### WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

The following is an outline of the Three (3) writing assignments to be completed in fulfillment of the writing intensive in the major requirement.

#### 1. Writing Assignment #1: (100 points)

EBP Journal article review (Pediatric), with peer feedback

this assignment is for you to research and write a 5 page scholarly review. format for this paper is in appendix 2, and will also be posted on blackboard. students will choose an article (approved by the instructor) that reports on an intervention study investigating the effectiveness of an intervention program or procedure for CHILDREN. The article must be published any time from 2008 to the present. you will have an opportunity for peer revisions, and then submission for final review by the instructor.

#### 2. Writing Assignment #2: (100 points)

EBP Journal Article Review (Adult), with peer feedback

this assignment is for you to research and write a 5 page scholarly review. format for this paper is in appendix 2, and will also be posted on blackboard. students will choose an article (approved by the instructor) that reports on an intervention study investigating the effectiveness of an intervention program

or procedure for ADULTS. The article must be published any time from 2008 to the present. you will have an opportunity for peer revisions, and then submission for final review by the instructor.

### **3. Writing assignment #3: (50 points)**

Professional issues in SLP or AUD, with peer feedback

This assignment is a total of 5 pages of writing based on any 1 clinical-professional issue in the field of speech-language pathology or audiology. Each student will be required to write a 5 page discussion of each professional issue you chose by defining & describing the problem; a total of 3 references are required. a reference section in APA format must be attached; in text citations required.

### **Video Observation Logs: (300 points)**

- Completed video observation forms and notes must be submitted each week at the end of each class. Submit it on time or get a zero.
  - Observation form is to be used. observations in any other format will not be accepted.
  - your name & date of the observation are to be included on each checklist form.
  - please print clearly, if cannot read it then it is incomplete.
  
- On Thursday of every week, students will drop off their observation log at my office no later than 3:00 PM. I will sign them and leave them in a basket at the front office with the Admin Assistant. You can then pick them up and use them for the following week. Once an observation log is started, it cannot be modified or changed in any shape or form. Therefore, you must be very careful when you document the hours each week. Forms and detailed observation guidelines will be available online

### **EXAMS: (300 points)**

There will be 1 mid-term and 1 final exam in this course. These exams will focus on content presented in the textbook, online lectures, assigned readings, videos, handouts, and class discussions. Each exam will consist of a computer-based segment and a written segment that will be provided at the time of the exam. Students will be able to work on both parts of the exam at the same time during the allocated time.

### **Reading Assignments – Weekly reading write-ups:** (120 points)

Students are expected to keep pace with the readings as assigned for each class meeting. Every week, a written summary of the assigned reading will be submitted at the start of each class. LATE SUBMISSIONS will not be accepted. Assigned readings and study questions are designed to prepare students for exams, assignments, and class discussion participation. It is your responsibility to complete the assigned readings and activities.

**Grading:** *This course is based on 1000 points. This is to ensure that you get every fraction of a point that you deserve, and that if you make a few mistakes in exams or assignments, your grade will not suffer as much. Meanwhile, if you earn a fraction of a point, it will be added to your grade.*

### **Grade Distribution and Grading Key**

<i>Final Grade Itemization</i>		<i>Grading Scale</i>	
Exams	300	A	100-90%
Observation Logs	300	B	89.99-80%
Article Summaries	230	C	79.99-70%
Written Summaries	150	D	69.99-60%
Chap summaries	120	F	<60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>		

### DRAFT Class Schedule

Week	Topic	Text Reading	Assignment Due Dates
Week 1	Overview of Course and Course Requirements Academic dishonesty & plagiarism guide to writing observation summaries SLP scope of practice	Syllabus	Sign up for Master Clinician Approval for article: Assignment #1  Chapter review summaries
Week 2	Introduction to Clinical Practice Ethical Practice & ASHA CODE OF ETHICS Writing Behavioral Objectives* *30-35mins: work on assignment #1 Video #1:		Chapter review summary
Week 3	Evidence-Based Decision making *30-35mins *Peer Edit Assignment #1 Video#2:		Assignment #1 Due  Chapter review summary
Week 4	Principles of Assessment *30-35mins:assigned reading/questions Video 3:		<input type="checkbox"/> ObservationLog:500mins  Chapter review summaries
Week 5	Communication Sampling Procedures principles of intervention *30-35mins *Work on Assignment #2. Video 4:		Chapter review summary
Week 6	Clinical Service Delivery and work Settings  *30-35mins *Peer Edit Assignment #2 Video 5:		<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment #2 Due  Chapter review summary
Week 7	Effective Clinical Communication, interviewing & counseling & writing clinical information *30-35mins *Assignment#2,MCN video Video 6:		<input type="checkbox"/> ObservationLog:1000+ mins  Chapter review summary
Week 8	Issues of cultural and linguistic Diversity  *30-35mins *assignment Video 7:		Chapter review summary
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Week 9	Family Centered Practice  *30-35mins *assignment Video 8:		<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment #3 Due  Chapter review summary
Week 10	Public Policies affecting clinical practice  *30-35mins *assignment Video 9:		Chapter review summary
Week 11	the slp and dysphagia assessment & intervention with children and adults *30-35mins *assignment Video 10:		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation Folder due (1500minutes minimum)
Week 12	Review and Video if needed		

	*30-35mins *assignment		
<b>Week 13</b>			
<b>Week 14</b>			
4/25	<b>Final Exam</b>		<b>ONLINE</b>

## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

A. **UT Tyler Honor Code:** 1. Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do. Students Rights and Responsibilities To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

B. **Campus Carry:** 1. We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

C. **UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:** 1. All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free).

D. **Academic Honesty Policy:** Students will adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. Anyone caught cheating will earn a “0” for that assignment and will be subject to academic and disciplinary action. Plagiarism (the use of written and oral words or ideas of another person, including another student, without the expressed acknowledgment of the speaker’s or writer’s indebtedness to that person) will not be tolerated. This includes the use of papers or other materials previously submitted to instructors in other classes, as well as video and audio recordings. Students caught plagiarizing will fail this class and be subject to academic and disciplinary action.

E. Student Standards of Academic Conduct 1. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

a. “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:

- i copying from another student’s test paper;
- ii using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- iii failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;

- iv possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes.” The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- v using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- vi collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- vii discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination; viii divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student; ix substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- x paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
- xi falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit; xii taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of the University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
- xiii misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

b. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

c. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty. d. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

#### Additional Examples of academic dishonesty and plagiarism:

-Copying part or all of a colleague’s assignment and submitting it as if it were your own work. In this situation both students will be penalized.

-Putting information from a book, article, etc. into a written assignment without clearly attributing the information to the source and documenting the source in the body of the assignment.

-Copying, printing or sharing online quizzes

-Submitting assignments that were previously used for another course.

-Sharing information about exams and/or quizzes with other students

These are just examples of acts of dishonesty that lead to failing the course and further disciplinary action.

Assignments will be submitted via the Safe Assign anti-plagiarism online system, which will immediately trace any words a student plagiarizes from any source out there. Any violations will be taken very seriously.

2. **The U-T Tyler Writing Center** provides professional writing tutoring for all students in all disciplines. If you wish to use the Writing Center, you should plan for a minimum of two hour-long tutorials per assignment: the first to provide an initial consultation and drafting plan, and the second to follow up. Be prepared to take an active role in your learning, as you will be asked to discuss your work during your tutorial. While Writing Center tutors are happy to provide constructive criticism and teach effective writing techniques, under no circumstances will they fix, repair, or operate on your paper.  
Location: BUS 202. Appointments: 903-565-5995.

### 3. **Disability/Accessibility Services:**

a. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application.

b. **The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR)** office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

#### 4. **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:**

a. Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

b. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

c. The Census Date (Sept. 10th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- i Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- ii Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- iii Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- iv Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment v Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

5. **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:** a. Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). b. Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

6. **Student Absence due to Religious Observance:** a. Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

7. **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:** If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time, the instructor will set a date and time when



make-up assignments will be completed.

**8. Social Security and FERPA Statement:** It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically. 10. **Emergency Exits and Evacuation:** a. Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

**F. UT Tyler Resources for Students:**

1. UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu)
2. UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu)
3. The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021 (This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses).
4. UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)
  1. Demonstrates professional demeanor and a passion for their chosen profession.
  2. Receptive to constructive feedback and reflects on his/her work, behavior, and/or practice.
  3. Exhibits personal integrity and professional conduct with all members of the learning community