Degree Program Assessment - SLPM - MS for 2014

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Assessment year: 2014
Degree code: SLPM
Degree type: MS
Degree title:

Speech-Language Pathology

Matrix (Enter 3 or 4 rows):

Student Learning Outcome #1:

(1) The student will demonstrate advanced knowledge of (a) the basic human communication and swallowing processes; (b) the nature of speech, language, hearing, and communication disorders and differences and swallowing disorders; (c) the principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for people with language, speech, and swallowing disorders; and (d) professional issues including, but not limited to tenets of the Code of Ethics, licensure and credentialing requirements, and scope of practice.

Measure(s):

Upon completion of 30 hours of academic course work (excluding 5076 clinic credits), graduate students will take the Praxis exam.

Target(s):

On the first or second administration of the Praxis exam, 80% of the graduate students will pass with a score of 162 or better prior to completion of the Clinical Fellowship Experience.

Was this target met?: Met

Results - Explain target met answer:

Yes, at least 80% achieved a passing score.

Explanation of changes to be made based on these results:

None at this time.

Does this degree program have an online version?:

No

Student Learning Outcome #2:

(2) Students and alumni will demonstrate knowledge of the principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for people with communication and swallowing disorders, including consideration of anatomical/physiological, developmental, and linguistic and cultural correlates of the disorders to evaluate, treat, and interact with clients.

Measure(s):

- (2a) Students will complete two eight week long internship experiences in the public schools and/or the medical setting.
- (2b) Graduates/Alumni will complete an Graduate/Alumni Survey indicating whether or not the academic program provided them with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as a professional Speech-Language Pathologist.
- (2c) Internship Supervisors will complete an Supervisor Survey of the knowledge and skills appropriate for the work setting (e.g., hospitals, schools)

Target(s):

- 2a) During the internship experience, 80% of the students will receive a score of 3.75/4.0 or higher, in all areas, on a scale of clinical proficiency as completed by their externship supervisors. Areas evaluated include: client management, assessment, treatment, report writing, professionalism, and interpersonal interactions.
- (2b) Six months to one year following completion of the M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology, 80% of the graduates/alumni who respond will indicate agree or strongly agree on the Graduate/Alumni Survey that the academic program provided them with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as a professional Speech-Language Pathologist.
- (2c) Following graduation, 80% of the supervisors/employers who respond will rate the interns as possessing good to excellent knowledge and skills appropriate for the work setting on the departmental Supervisor/Employer Survey.

Was this target met?: Met
Results - Explain target met answer:

Yes, all students and alumni met the requirements stated in item 2. All students completed two eight-week long internships in public schools and medical settings. All achieve a score of 3.75/4.0 scale.

Explanation of changes to be made based on these results:

None at this time.

Does this degree program have an online version?:

No

Student Learning Outcome #3:

(3) Students will demonstrate adequate oral and written communication skills consistent with ASHA's position regarding students and professionals who speak with accents or non-standard dialect and for writing diagnostic, scientific, and technical reports, treatment plans, and professional correspondence.

Measure(s):

- (3a) Graduate students will be able to differentiate between adequate/appropriate and inadequate/inappropriate oral communication skills to be used when interacting with faculty, clients, caregivers, and other professionals.
- (3b) Graduate students will demonstrate use of professional terminology and writing skills when completing academic and clinical reports.

Target(s):

- (3a) By the final semester in graduate school, 100% of the graduate students in communicative disorders will use adequate oral communication skills as reported by their supervisor.
- (3b) After completing all academic course work and clinical practica, 100% of the graduate students will demonstrate adequate written language skills as demonstrated by a grade of B or higher during their final semester in clinic (SPLP5076).

Was this target met?: M

Results - Explain target met answer:

Yes, all students had adequate/appropriate oral communication skills to interact with all levels of professionals.

Explanation of changes to be made based on these results:

None at this time.

Does this degree program have an online version?:

No

Student Learning Outcome #4:

(4) Students will demonstrate knowledge of the principles of conducting research and will use the knowledge and skills learned to conduct research.

Measure(s):

(4a) Graduate students will complete the graduate research course (SPLP 5005), the research project (SPLP 5091), and other research as assigned by faculty.

Target(s):

(4a) After completing the indicated graduate course work and projects, 80% of graduate students will indicate on the departmental KASA form that through the course work and projects they gained the knowledge and skills needed to conduct research.

Was this target met?: Met

Results - Explain target met answer:

Yes all graduate students completed the research course (SPLP 5005) and research project (SPLP 5091) as assigned by the faculty.

Explanation of changes to be made based on these results:

None at this time

Does this degree program have an online version?:

No