

Communication Sciences & Disorders and the OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience

The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, and the Interprofessional Educators & Practitioners Association, at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, is hosting the 2018-2019 IPE Clinical Experience at Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City.

Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders



Since 1960, professional students have been trained in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology in what is now known as the [Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders](#) in the College of Allied

Health at the OU Health Sciences Center. These students represent the next generation of professionals who will treat patients with communication disorders, as well as disorders of swallowing and balance. Professional students in the [MA in SLP](#) and [Doctor of Audiology](#) programs participate in supervised practicum in the [John W Keys Speech and Hearing Clinic](#) in the College of Allied Health, as well as in rotation sites around the Oklahoma City metro area. The CSD department is proud to partner with professionals in every field of medicine and healthcare to train the next generation of professionals treating patients with disorders of hearing, speech, language, balance, and swallowing.

The Clinical Experience

The principle focus of the [OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience](#) is to provide students with an opportunity to reinforce the [IPEC Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice](#). These competencies are Communication, Roles & Responsibilities, Values & Ethics, and Teams & Teamwork. This is accomplished by creating interprofessional teams of students drawn from 15 different degree tracks to provide team-based, patient-centered care at the [Good Shepherd Clinic](#) (GSC) in Oklahoma City. The GSC is located in the Midtown area and services hundreds of uninsured medical and dental patients from throughout central Oklahoma. The experience meets on Thursday evenings through March.

CSD & the IPE Clinical Experience

In 2018-2019, three AuD students and two MASLP students from the CSD department will participate in the IPE Clinical Experience. In addition to contributing to the interprofessional team process, AuD students are able to perform hearing tests and referrals, and MASLP students are able to perform speech, cognitive and swallowing assessments.

The experience also features a "Passport" function where CSD students and other disciplines will travel through the clinic and have an opportunity to visit and observe other professions in action. The intention is for all disciplines to see Audiology and Speech Language Pathology students in action while allowing CSD students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by Assistant Professor Dr. Christi Barbee.



Success Stories



After counseling regarding preservation of hearing was provided, one of the Good Shepherd patients began using hearing protection and reported that his coworkers were now also using hearing protection during work. The patient was given several sets of hearing protective devices at the follow-up appointment.

During the IPE experience, audiology and speech language pathology students raise awareness of the impact of communication disorders on the quality of life. In working with other health professionals as part of a team, our students have a better understanding of a variety of professions and factors that impact quality of life while educating their teammates regarding the roles and responsibilities of both audiologists and speech language pathologists.

Invitation to Visit

Faculty are invited to visit the IPE Clinical Experience to observe our student teams in action. Please contact Margaret-Robinson@ouhsc.edu or (405) 271-5557.