WORKING IN CLINICS

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times. Attendance at clinics is mandatory. Tardiness will not be tolerated. The only acceptable reason for missing clinic is death in the family or illness.

STUDENT SAFETY/WELL-BEING

Our mission is to provide a safe environment for our students. If you may be pregnant or suffer from any autoimmune diseases, please confidentially notify Dr. Judith Wingate at 352-294-5309 as you may be compromised during your rotation through the Shands and UF Clinics, either via exposure to pathogens or to radiation. Commonly encountered pathogens include VRE (vancomycin resistant enterococci), C. Diff (clostridium difficile), MRSE (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), and CMV (cytomegalovirus), the latter of which is particularly harmful to babies in utero. Other pathogens you may encounter include, but are not limited to chickenpox, shingles, TB (tuberculosis), and LRE (linezolid-resistant enteroccci). Students also participate in fluoroscopic swallow studies, exposure to which may be harmful to fetuses. Students wear leaded aprons, and special maternity aprons are available; however, we must be aware of your pregnancy to provide you with this option.

CLINIC ASSIGNMENTS AND AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION

Students are expected to participate in clinics from 10 to 20 hours every semester as their class schedule permits. Students may not see patients unless a speech-language pathologist with the certificate of clinical competence is present in the facility. Students should always be supervised at least 25% of the time in accordance with the standards set by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

CLINICIANS’ ROOMS

A student room is provided in the UF Speech and Hearing Center to be utilized only when you are on a clinic assignment. The room is shared with audiology students and can be quite crowded on busy clinic days. Please do not eat in this room. There are other areas of the building that are convenient for lunch and snacking. The door to the student room should remain closed at all times.

Lockers are available for use while in clinic. It is strongly suggested that personal items (purses, backpacks, etc) be stored in lockers to prevent theft. Please see Tracy Cawley in the front office to obtain access to a locker. They are big enough to be shared.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

Each clinician is expected to purchase the following supplies that he/she will be using in evaluation and therapy.
- penlight and batteries
- stopwatch
- digital recorder for recording your sessions

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR SUPERVISOR FOR ANY SITE-SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS.

**END OF SEMESTER CHECKOUT:**

At the end of each semester be sure to:

1. Fill out an evaluation on each of your clinical supervisors. Place this in Dr. Wingate’s mailbox.
2. Make sure that your clock hours are accurate and have been signed.
3. Check with your supervisor to make sure that your final clinic evaluation has been done and sent to Dr. Wingate.
4. Return any materials to the site that you may have borrowed during the semester.
5. Thank your supervisor for their time and guidance during the semester.