

**Course Syllabus**  
**Practicum in Communication Sciences- Guided Observation**  
**SPAU 3388**

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**Course Information**

Course Number: SPAU 3388  
Term: Summer 2025  
Course Type: Hybrid  
Class Time: Tuesday 10:00AM-11:00AM

Class Location: CR 1.202

**Contact Information**

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**Course Description**

**SPAU 3388 - Clinical Observation in Speech-Language Pathology** (3 semester credit hours) Guided observation and study of assessment procedures and intervention strategies used with individuals who have communication disorders. Credit/No Credit only. Instructor consent required. (3-0) S

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**Primary Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes**

**Students will:**

1. Identify basic principles of speech and language therapies.
  2. Define terminology related to speech and language therapies demonstrated in a clinical setting.
  3. Describe basic principles of evaluating and assessing individuals with various speech and language disorders as observed in a clinical setting.
  4. Think critically about observations and how they can impact implementation of services.
  5. Determine how observed patients will apply to your future as a speech language pathologist or related field.
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**Textbooks and Materials**

There are no required materials for this class. However, if you do not plan to get all 25 hours with in-person observation you are able to use Master Clinician Network. You are able to complete 20 of the 25 hours through Master Clinician Network. The cost of the membership for the year is \$54.

<https://www.masterclinician.org/>

All assignments will be turned in through eLearning for final approval.

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### Grading Policy

This course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. You will Pass this course with 25 or more hours of observation credits. You will Fail this course if you receive any amount of observation hours under 25 hours. **\*\* You must complete 25 observation hours. This is an ASHA requirement. To receive a passing grade for Observation Practicum, you must complete all 25 hours alongside other course requirements.**

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### Course Schedule:

| DATE    | Topic                                                                                                                          |
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| June 3  | <i>Introductions and Course Prep</i><br><b>**HIPAA training certificate due to eLearning by Friday, June 6 by 11:59PM</b>      |
| June 10 | <i>SLP/ SLPA scope of practice and AUD/AUD-A scope of practice</i><br><i>Observation Practice</i>                              |
| June 17 | <i>Observation Practice</i>                                                                                                    |
| June 24 | <i>Observation Practice</i><br><b>**10 hours to be completed and turned into eLearning <u>by Thursday, June 25 11:59PM</u></b> |
| July 1  | <b>NO FORMAL CLASS MEETING</b><br><b>** Complete Module 1 on eLearning with a score of 80% or greater by Tuesday, July 8</b>   |
| July 8  | <b>NO FORMAL CLASS MEETING</b><br><b>** Complete Module 2 on eLearning with a score of 80% or greater by Tuesday, July 15</b>  |
| July 15 | <b>NO FORMAL CLASS MEETING</b><br><b>** Complete Module 3 on eLearning with a score of 80% or greater by, Friday, July 23</b>  |
| July 22 | <b>NO FORMAL CLASS MEETING- work on observation hours</b>                                                                      |
| July 29 | <b>NO FORMAL CLASS MEETING- work on observation hours</b>                                                                      |

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|          | <b><u>**ALL 25 hours due on eLearning to their respective folders by 11:59PM on Wednesday, July 30**</u></b> |
| August 5 | Check out meetings/Clock hour sign off                                                                       |

*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*

**\*\*All observations hours are to be turned in via eLearning to their appropriate folder on Wednesday, July 30\*\***This includes your Master Clinician summary sheet as a PDF document, in person observation reports from each site as one PDF, and your final clock hour form as a PDF document (totaling 25 hours).\*\* You will not receive credit for the course if you do not complete ALL 25 hours.

## Course and Instructor Policies

Maintain a ***professional manner*** when observing in and out of the clinic.  
***Be courteous and respectful*** of the clinicians and patients you are observing.  
***Dress appropriately*** for the facility you are observing (see attachment in eLearning with additional information).  
***Avoid cancellations***, but if you must do so in a timely manner (MORE than 24 hours in advance).  
**Follow instructions** for in person observation and master clinician observations to receive credit (Document in eLearning). Complete all 25 observation hours required to receive a passing grade for this course.

**\*\*The instructor reserves the right to reach out to any on and/or off campus observation clinicians/clinics to confirm credentials and student's participation.**

## Class Materials

The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

## Class Attendance

You are responsible for the information and assignments completed in and out of the classroom. This includes attending lectures and completing assigned readings and assignments inside and outside of the classroom. Attending classroom lectures will provide critical information for exams, quizzes, and

assignments. If a lecture is missed, please contact a peer for the missed information, please do not contact the professor for missed information.

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## **Class Participation**

Regular class participation is expected. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. This includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures. Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

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## **Student Resources**

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or may have been exposed should not attend class in person and should instead follow required disclosure notifications as posted on the university's website (see "[What should I do if I become sick?](#)")

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## **Comet Creed**

*This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:*

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

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## **Academic Support Resources**

The information contained in the following link lists the University's academic support resources for all students.

Please see <http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources>.

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## **UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures**

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

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