

**AGREEMENT FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION In Speech Pathology Or Audiology Of
Communicative Sciences And Disorders Students Enrolled At
Alabama A&M University**

This agreement, made and entered this ____ day of ____ 20__, by and between _____ hereinafter known as the “Clinical Unit”, and the Alabama A&M University, Program of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, hereinafter known as “Area CSD,” is felt by the aforesaid parties to be of mutual interest and advantage for selected students of the aforesaid Area CSD (hereinafter known as “Students” of Area CSD) in that they will be provided quality clinical education experiences in speech pathology or audiology at the Clinical Unit and/or its contracted sites.

The term of this agreement shall begin on the date first above specified and shall continue until such time as either party hereto has terminated such agreement by advising the other party of its intent to terminate in writing at least 30 days prior to the desired termination date. This agreement may be modified by mutual consent at any time.

It is further agreed by the aforesaid parties that:

I. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Clinical Unit will accept students selected by the Area CSD and agreed upon by the clinical Unit for a period of clinical education and/or portions of professional work requiring clinical exposure and practice. The nature of the experience shall be individually arranged by the Speech-Language Pathology coordinator with the Clinical Unit’s Speech Language Pathology or Audiology Division within the stated philosophy and objectives of the Area CSD and the Clinical Unit. Students will provide proof of liability insurance coverage prior to beginning their externship experience at the assigned Clinical Unit.

B. The time periods and number of students assigned during any one clinical training period will be mutually agreed upon by the Area CSD and Clinical Unit. Students will be given clock hour credit only for the direct service portion of any and all therapy sessions (ex. if direct service were 10 minutes, it would be recorded as such on the record form). Observation hours must be recorded on the clinical report as observation hours, and will not be used for clock hours for ASHA certification. These forms will be kept by the clinician at the clinical unit and returned directly to the university supervisor.

C. The Area CSD and the Clinical Unit will be mutually responsible to conduct orientations to students of the policies, rules and regulations of the Clinical Unit and advising the student of their responsibilities to abide by such policies, rules and regulations while assigned to the Clinical Unit.

D. The Area CSD maintains the privilege to visit the Clinical Unit before, after and/or during the clinical education periods.

E. The Area CSD will consider suggestions from the Clinical Unit's designated Coordinator of Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology Program regarding curriculum improvement.

F. The Clinical Unit will have authority to request the Area CSD to immediately withdraw from the Clinical Unit any student whose performance is unsatisfactory or whose characteristics and activities are detrimental to the Clinical Unit carrying out its responsibilities.

G. The Administrator of the Clinical Unit shall appoint one of its employees, with concurrence of Alabama A&M University, as Director of the Clinical Unit's Speech-Language Pathology Education Program, which employee may be considered for an academic appointment at Alabama A&M University. Such academic appointments will be designed according to professional ranks and will not involve either compensation or fringe benefits, neither will they be considered as regular academic appointments.

H. The Area CSD and Clinical Unit agree that there shall be conducted at least one meeting annually in respect to the activities of the Clinical Education Program and evaluation of the benefits being accomplished thereunder.

I. The Area CSD and Clinical Unit shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, creed, and national origin, religion, sex, sexual preference, or on the basis of handicap, if such student is a qualified handicapped student.

II. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY

A. The Area CSD shall give adequate notice to the Clinical Unit of the student assignment for clinical education.

B. The Area CSD shall reserve the right to revise any student assignment prior to the student's entry in to the Clinical Unit's Clinical Education Program.

C. The Area CSD shall provide the student evaluation forms and other forms necessary for the clinical education program.

D. The Area CSD reserves the right to withdraw a student from an assigned clinical education experience at the Clinical Unit when, in the Area CSD's judgment, the clinical experience does not meet the needs of the student.

E. The Area CSD shall provide the Clinical Unit with opportunities to participate in conferences and programs conducted by the Alabama A&M University Program of Communicative Sciences and Disorders which are related to Speech-Language Pathology.

III. CLINICAL UNIT RESPONSIBILITY

A. The Clinical Unit shall provide clinical education in speech pathology or audiology experiences as stated within the framework of the objectives and philosophy of the Area CSD.

B. The Clinical Unit and Director of the Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Education Program have sole and primary responsibility for patient care and treatment. The student will participate in providing, but will not be solely responsible for, patient care and other speech-language therapy or audiology services rendered at the Clinical Unit as part of the student's experiences.

C. The Clinical Unit shall provide the student with opportunities to participate in conferences and programs conducted at the Clinical Unit which are related to speech-language pathology.

D. The Clinical Unit shall provide the physical facilities and equipment necessary for the clinical education experience.

E. The Clinical Unit shall complete forms requested by the Area CSD which relate to the Clinical Education Program within requested time limits.

F. The Clinical Unit shall assist in obtaining the necessary emergency care to students or faculty members in the event of sudden illness or injury, the costs of such care to be the responsibility of the student or faculty member receiving such care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be duly executed.

CLINICAL UNIT

ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR

DATE _____

DIRECTOR, CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

DATE _____

ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

CLINIC DIRECTOR

DATE _____

CSD PROGRAM DIRECTOR

DATE _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

DATE _____

DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DATE _____

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

DATE _____