



SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC POLICY STATEMENT

Client's Name

The Southeastern Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic was established for two purposes:

1. To serve as a teaching facility in which undergraduate and graduate students majoring in speech-language pathology may, under supervision, observe and practice diagnostic and therapeutic techniques with children and adults who have communication disorders.
2. To provide diagnostic and therapeutic services for members of the community who have speech, language or hearing disorders.

Clients are accepted for services based upon availability of student and professional staff, client's potential for improvement in communication skills, the nature of the communication disorder, the student practitioner's needs for certification requirements, and faculty research interests. Clients with pending paperwork are not considered until the client case history is received. Continued therapy services are dependent upon student availability, attendance and billing records, behavioral reports/concerns, and the client's therapeutic potential. Clients and families of clients are treated equitably without regard to gender, sexual orientation, age, race, creed, national origin or disability. The University, program and Clinic comply with applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders pertaining thereto.

Students in the speech-language pathology program work directly with clients under the supervision of a certified speech pathologist or audiologist. Supervisors are on site and available for student consultation. Although the services offered are designed to improve the client's communication skills, there is no guarantee that the client's communication problems will be resolved. In consideration of the educational function of the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, clients may be observed for research or educational purposes while receiving services. The faculty, observers and students will consider any information revealed during such examinations or demonstrations as privileged communication and will hold such information in confidence, except when authorized by the client to release it to appropriate medical, social, educational, health or other agencies. Audio and video recordings may be made for client records and/or used for educational and research purposes. In such cases, client information will not be displayed.

The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic offers diagnostic and therapeutic services at a minimal cost. Fees help provide the Clinic with new materials and equipment. The fee for a complete speech-language evaluation and hearing screening is \$175.00. Therapy services are offered on a semester basis at \$225.00 per semester including the 3-week summer language camp. Clinic fees are based on approximately 18-22 hours of direct therapy in a semester. If an additional audiological evaluation is recommended, the charge is \$100.00. Clients with Medicaid will be charged a reduced rate; clients with Medicare will not be charged and Medicare benefits will not be utilized. Clients who are enrolled as Southeastern students are provided a discounted therapy fee. Payment is due upon the receipt of the billing invoice, and reports will not be disseminated until payment has been received. Clinic bills will be generated electronically. Services will be discontinued if payment is not received.

Development Funds for the Communication Sciences and Disorders program will support continuous

quality improvement in the department's clinical and academic programs and services. You have the right to request that we not send you any future fundraising materials and we will use our best efforts to honor your request. You may make your request to be removed from our fundraising and contact mailing lists by sending your name and address to the department office.

Clinical concerns should be directed to Aimee Q. Adams, Clinic Director (aadams@selu.edu) or the Department of Health and Human Sciences at 985-549-2309.

Having read and understood the preceding information and stated terms, I agree to accept the services of Southeastern Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

Date

Signature

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