Baylor University
Graduate Program Evaluation

You are within a few weeks of graduating from Baylor University with your Masters of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders. This evaluation is intended to assess the overall graduate program. The overall graduate program includes your academic experiences, clinical experiences, and clinical externship.

(Total Number of Participants: n=9)

Communication

1. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty explained material clearly
   
   ![Graph showing the distribution of responses for clarity of explanation]

2. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty had effective styles of presentation
   
   ![Graph showing the distribution of responses for styles of presentation]
**Attitude Toward Students**

3. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty treated Graduate Students with respect

![Bar chart showing responses to the statement about respect.](chart1.png)

4. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty had an open-door policy and were accessible and sensitive to different needs, learning styles, and diversity

![Bar chart showing responses to the statement about accessibility.](chart2.png)

5. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty were concerned that Graduate Students learned the academic and clinical material

![Bar chart showing responses to the statement about learning.](chart3.png)
Attitude Toward Areas of Expertise

6. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty appeared interested in their areas of expertise

7. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty stimulated my interest in their areas of expertise

8. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty stimulated my thinking
**Preparation and Organization**

9. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty made effective use of time

10. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty were well prepared and organized

**Policy and Evaluation**

11. The academic and clinical requirements were clearly explained during the program
12. The exams, projects, and clinical evaluations were a good measure of my knowledge and skills

13. Preparing for Comps (the summative assessment), assisted me in integrating all the knowledge and skills obtained in the program
14. The Graduate Program provided good academic and clinical materials /equipment

15. The Graduate Program provided a hands-on approach, where I had good experiences with new technology in the field.
**Overall Assessment**

16. I learned a great deal from this Graduate Program

17. The overall procedures and methods used by this Graduate Program were conductive to learning

18. At the time of graduation, I feel that I am well prepared for entry level into the field.
19. At the end of my clinical externship, my extern supervisor indicated that I was well prepared for entry level into the field.

20. At the time of graduation, I would rate the overall Baylor CSD Graduate Program as
**Self Assessment of Knowledge, Skills, and Learning Outcome Achievement**

ASHA indicates that at the time of Graduation, you should be (at the least) prepared for entry level for the field in each of 9 areas. For each area, please indicate whether you feel: 1. Very Well Prepared, 2. Prepared at an Entry Level for the Field, or 3. Not Prepared

At the completion of my academic training, clinical training, and externship, I now feel that I am . . .

**Articulation**

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**Fluency Disorders**

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Hearing and the Impact on Speech/Language

Cognitive Aspects of Communication

Social Aspects of Communication (Challenging behavior, ineffective social...
Communication Modalities

Very Well Prepared
Prepared at an Entry Level for the Field
Not Prepared

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The Graduate Program at Baylor University has identified 8 major Learning Outcomes to be completed by the end of the program.

Assessment / Evaluation

**Learning Outcome 1**
Student will demonstrate the ability to select and implement evaluation procedures (case history information, standardized tests, non-standardized tests, screening procedures, and/or behavioral observations) and adapts the procedures to meet the individual client needs.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 1.

![Learning Outcome 1 chart]

Assessment / Diagnosis / Interpretation

**Learning Outcome 2**
Student will demonstrate the ability to interpret and integrate evaluation results (case history information, standardized test results, non-standardized test results, screening results, and/or behavioral observations) to define the clients’ communicative functioning. Student develops diagnostic impressions, integrates data in order to identify etiologic and/or contributing factors, and makes recommendations leading to appropriate case management.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 2.

![Learning Outcome 2 chart]

Clinical Management / Treatment
Learning Outcome 3
Student will demonstrate the ability to select/develop and implement intervention strategies for the treatment of communication and related disorders and select/develop/use materials and instrumentation that will enhance the treatment process.
I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 3.

Learning Outcome 4
Student will develop and implement specific, reasonable, and necessary treatment plans. The treatment plan includes long-term goals and measurable short-term objectives that reflect a learning sequence appropriate for the client.
I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 4.
Learning Outcome 5
Student will demonstrate the ability to plan and implement a program of periodic monitoring of the clients’ communicative functioning through the use of appropriate data collection methods. The student interprets and uses data to modify treatment plans, strategies, materials, and/or instrumentation to meet the individual needs of the client.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 5.

Learning Outcome 6
Student will demonstrate the ability to prioritize activities, maintain client records and comply with program administrative and other regulatory policies in a timely manner.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 6.
Interaction with Others / Communication Skills

Learning Outcome 7
Student will demonstrate the ability to present information accurately, clearly, logically and concisely in oral communications, written reports, and letters that are appropriate for the needs of the audience. Student uses terminology and phrasing consistent with the semantic competency of the audience and includes accurate and complete information, listens carefully to clients and others, takes initiative in providing appropriate clarifications when needed and demonstrates appropriate nonverbal communication style. The student demonstrates the ability to listen to input from others, make appropriate decisions based on shared information, and contributes information that promotes mutual problem solving. The student provides counseling and supportive guidance regarding the clients’ communication disorder to client, family, caregivers, and significant others.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 7.

Learning Outcome 8
The student will demonstrate the ability to plan and implement educational programs for other professionals and/or the general public to facilitate the treatment and acceptance of disabilities associated with communication disorders. The student demonstrates the ability to consider the needs of the audience and provide clear and meaningful educational information.

I feel that I have achieved Learning Outcome 8.
Compared to new graduates from other programs, I would rate the knowledge, skills, and learning outcomes in Speech Pathology that I have obtained as a Graduate Student at Baylor as
Survey Results
Open Ended Questions

Question 1. Now that you are graduating, how do you feel that the Academic Experiences, Clinical Experiences, and Externship (i.e. the overall Graduate Program) prepared you for entry into the field?

- Very well!
- I feel I’ve had a variety of experiences w/ good supervision. I feel well prepared
- Yes
- Very well
- The academic experiences were beneficial but I would have preferred more clinical focus in classes. I found that I needed additional therapy tools and materials. The externship experience was a great opportunity to develop/find effective therapy materials, but it would have been helpful to have had them in classes as well.

Question 2. What do you think are the greatest strengths of the overall Graduate Program?

- Broad experiences and great faculty
- Variety of practicum experiences, final full-time practicum and teachers/professors with good experience and care for their specialty and our learning.
- Externship experience was amazing. Great that we were able to travel to anywhere to do that.
- Dr. Colson!! And Dr. Ritter
- The externship was really beneficial. I enjoyed the LAP program as well

Question 3. What do you think can be done to improve the overall Graduate Program, the training, the experiences, or the facilities?

- I think it’s already being done: having practicum in more places outside the clinic.
- More medical
- More teachings on voice
- Provide more full time externship experiences in various settings. Also, be more open to students who did their undergraduate trainings at other universities. I found that I was expected to be at the same level as Baylor undergraduate students regardless of differences in my undergraduate program.

Question 4. What would you tell an undergraduate student who is interested in Baylor’s program and asked you to tell them about the strengths and/or weakness of Baylor’s Graduate Program? Would you be willing to share this statement with potential Graduate Students?

- It’s a wonderful family! This program absolutely breeds success!
- It’s shorter and very intense, but doable. Everyone helps each other and professors care. Will feel overwhelmed many times, feel lost.
- Strengths: program is fast. Weakness: lots to cram in!
- You get a lot of clinic experience at BU – not as much medical experience at BU