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

![Bar Chart for Communication 1]

2. The Baylor CSD Academic and Clinical Faculty had effective styles of presentation

![Bar Chart for Communication 2]
Attitude Toward Students

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

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

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

![Bar Chart]

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

![Bar Chart]

**Policy and Evaluation**

11. The academic and clinical requirements were clearly explained during the program

![Bar Chart]
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.

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](image)

![Fluency Disorders](image)
Voice Disorders

Receptive and Expressive Child Language Disorders

Receptive and Expressive Adult Language Disorders
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
The Graduate Program at Baylor University has identified 8 major Learning Outcomes to be completed by the end of the program.

Circle the phrase that best describes if you feel you have achieved each Learning Outcome.

**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**

**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**
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.

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**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.

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**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 7**

![Learning Outcome 7 graph]

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.

**Learning Outcome 8**

![Learning Outcome 8 graph]

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

![Comparison graph]
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?

1. I am very well prepared!
2. Baylor Graduate School prepared me in every aspect
3. Good
4. My experiences have made me feel well prepared for working with the majority of children and adults. Life is a continual learning process and I know I am only in the early learning stages.
5. I feel very prepared and confident in my abilities
6. I feel very well prepared. Above all, I expect a great deal from my CFY supervisor. Baylor’s supervisors truly go above and beyond.

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

1. Close knit family (both students and faculty)
2. Faculty, program structure
3. Children’s language
4. Support from the staff, who cares that you really learn the material and complete all necessary requirements for graduation
5. Excellent supervisors, large variety of clients, excellent professors
6. This program was extremely instrumental in my growth as a person and as a future SLP. Excellent program
7. The level at which the professors expect students to learn. There is no “babying” but a mutual respect and expectation that we will succeed
8. Quality of supervision, availability of supervisors, overall professionalism, standard of excellence, overall support.

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

1. Maybe expand the length of the program and provide clinical experiences in all areas of SLP!
2. I wish I had more variety with hands-on experience in different areas. I wish we also had more internship sites to learn more about the diversity of our field.
3. I would have liked more time to learn instrumentation
4. Maybe a little more exposure to the new technology. Documentation being on computer.
5. New facility and limiting lang/lit experience – try to place levelers in lang/lit since non-levelers have limited time. We felt summer session I and II was an adequate time for clinicals – great exposure

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?

1. Wonderful program! Yes
2. Strengths – Faculty, length of program!
3. I would tell them that it is an excellent program with professors that aim for you to learn as much as possible and that the clinical portion may have its ups and downs but in the end, you will find which areas best suite you. (to keep an open mind b/c what you think you will enjoy doing most may change)
4. I strongly recommend Baylor! Strengths – fast, excellent professors and supervisors, quality education
5. It is intense but if you can hang it is beyond worth it!
6. Yes; a good program is an intensive program. You will have all the support in the world! Baylor truly holds an unparalleled standard of excellence. If you desire to collaborate with those making a difference, Baylor is the best. Don’t doubt it!