

Summary of ASHA Requirements for Clinical Practicum

Total supervised hours in clinical observation and clinical practicum: 400 hours

Clinical observation: 25 hours (can be obtained anytime during practicum experiences)
Students are encouraged to complete observation hours prior to beginning any practicum assignments.

Clinical practicum: At least 375 hours
325 hours must be obtained at the graduate level

Diagnostic hours and treatment hours – no set number. The student must have clinical experience with individuals of different ages across the life-span with a culturally and linguistically diverse population.

Students are expected to have knowledge and information in the following areas:

- ❖ Articulation
- ❖ Fluency
- ❖ Voice and resonance
- ❖ Receptive and expressive language
- ❖ Hearing
- ❖ Swallowing
- ❖ Cognitive aspects of speech
- ❖ Social aspects of communication
- ❖ Communication modalities

Summary of Requirements for North Carolina Licensure

Students applying for licensure in North Carolina must submit evidence of completion of a minimum of 300 clock hours of supervised, direct clinical experience with individuals who present a variety of communication disorders. The North Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists requires 50% supervision for each diagnostic evaluation, while ASHA only requires a minimum of 25% supervision across all diagnostics.

Additionally to comply with North Carolina licensure law, students must have at least 20 hours each in the following areas: child speech diagnostics, adult speech diagnostics, child language diagnostics, adult language diagnostics, child speech therapy, adult speech therapy, child language therapy, and adult language therapy.

In accordance with North Carolina law the supervisor must be on the premises anytime a student is working with clients.