

**Pinnacle Health System
Speech Pathology Department**

Objectives for the Healthcare Externship Experience

- To provide the student with a full-time transition experience between the university environment and professional employment
- To provide the opportunity to experience varied approaches and philosophies relating to the professional practice of Speech-Language Pathology, including diagnostic and rehabilitation clinical practices
- To provide the student an opportunity to develop their clinical skills through direct clinical experience in providing evaluation and treatment services
- To provide the student the opportunity for professional interaction with speech-language pathologists, other team members within the rehabilitation services department, as well as nursing/general staff
- To provide opportunity for the student to observe and participate in the operational and administrative functions of a program whose primary mission is the delivery of clinical services

13 Tasks of Supervision as established by ASHA – Special Interest Division 11

- Establishing and maintaining an effective working relationship with the student
- Assisting the student in developing clinical goals and objectives
- Assisting the student in developing and refining assessment skills
- Assisting the student in developing and refining clinical management skills
- Demonstrating for and participating with the student in the clinical process
- Assisting the student in observing and analyzing assessment and treatment sessions
- Assisting the student in development and maintenance of clinical and supervisory records
- Interacting with the student in planning, executing, and analyzing supervisory conferences
- Assisting the student in evaluation of clinical performance
- Assisting the student in developing skills of verbal reporting, writing, and editing
- Sharing information regarding ethical, legal, regulatory, and reimbursement aspects of professional practice
- Modeling and facilitating professional conduct
- Demonstrating research skills in the clinical or supervisory process

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