

Verification of Guided Observations

Name: _____

The ASHA 2020 speech-language pathology certification standards for clinical observations requires that accredited programs **confirm that there was communication between the clinical educator and observer**. Please review the standard below to ensure that the observations you completed met the definition of “guided” observations.

Standard V-C

The applicant must complete a minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in the practice of speech-language pathology. Twenty-five hours must be spent in **guided clinical observation, and 375 hours must be spent in direct client/patient contact.**

Implementation: Guided clinical observation hours generally precede direct contact with clients/patients.

Examples of guided observations may include but are not limited to the following activities:
Check all that apply.

debriefing of a video recording with a clinical educator who holds the CCC-SLP

discussion of therapy or evaluation procedures that had been observed

debriefings of observations that meet course requirement or written records of the observations.

Other: _____

It is important to confirm that there was communication between the clinical educator and observer, rather than passive experiences where the student views sessions and/or videos. It is encouraged that the student observes live and recorded sessions across settings with individuals receiving services with a variety of disorders and completes debriefing activities as described above.

The observation and direct client/patient contact hours must be within the ASHA *Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology* and must be under the supervision of a qualified professional who holds a current ASHA certification in the appropriate practice area. **Guided clinical supervision may occur simultaneously during the student’s observation or afterwards through review and approval of the student’s written reports or summaries. Students may use video recordings of client services for observation purposes.**

I confirm that the clinical observations that I completed meet the ASHA definition of “guided” observations.

I confirm that the clinical observations will be completed prior to the start of a Master’s program and will meet the ASHA definition of “guided” observations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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