

Audiology Clinic Grade Policy

Progress toward meeting clinical policies for passing each clinical experience is documented using the clinical competencies found in the student evaluations in CALIPSO. Final competency scores assigned by clinical instructors determine a student clinician's final grade.

Performance Grading Scale

A passing grade for clinic performance is based on the Final Clinical Competency Form. You should review this form before clinic starts so that you are aware of all items that will become part of your formative and summative assessment for this clinic. The Clinical Competency Form will be completed by your clinical instructor at midterm and at final, but it is the final Clinical Competency Report on which your clinic grade is based. The Clinical Competency Form is separated into seven (7) general competency categories: Prevention, Screening and Identification, Assessment, Audiologic (Re)habilitation, Pediatric (Re)habilitation, Counseling, Communication, Professional Practice. Each general competency area consists of numerous individual line items. Additionally, there are four (4) essential professional behavior line items.

A passing grade for each clinic is a B or higher. A passing grade is obtained by achieving a rating of 4.15 or better on the average combined score of the 7 general competency categories, provided that the student achieves; (a) an average rating of 4.15 or better for each of the 7 general competency categories and (b) a minimum score of 3.0 on all individual competency line items and (c) a pass on all 4 essential professional behavior line items.

Therefore, any student receiving (a) a rating of 2.99 or less on any one (or more) specific line item or (b) a rating of 4.14 or less for a competency category or (c) a rating of fail on any of the 4 essential professional behavior line items will not pass the clinic, even if their average combined score of the 7 general competency categories is a B or higher. In such cases, a grade of B- will be given for the clinic.

SCORE	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
4.65 - 5.00	A	<p><u>Exceeds Performance Expectations (Pass)</u></p> <p>(Minimum assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical skill/behavior well-developed, consistently demonstrated, and effectively implemented • Demonstrates creative problem solving • Clinical Instructor consults and provides guidance on ideas initiated by student
4.50 - 4.64	A-	
4.35 – 4.49	B+	<p><u>Meets Performance Expectations (Pass)</u></p> <p>(Minimum to moderate assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical skill/behavior is developed/implemented most of the time, but needs continued refinement or consistency • Student can problem solve and self-evaluate adequately in-session • Clinical Instructor acts as a collaborator to plan and suggest possible alternatives
4.15 – 4.34	B	
4.00 – 4.14	B-	<p><u>Needs Improvement in Performance</u></p> <p>(Moderate assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistently demonstrates clinical skill/behavior • Student’s efforts to modify performance result in varying degrees of success • Moderate and ongoing direction and/or support from Clinical Instructor required to perform effectively
3.85 – 3.99	C+	
3.65 – 3.84	C	
3.50 – 3.64	C-	
3.35 – 3.49	D+	<p><u>Needs Significant Improvement in Performance</u></p> <p>(Maximum assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical skill/behavior is beginning to emerge, but is inconsistent or inadequate • Student is aware of need to modify behavior, but is unsure of how to do so • Maximum amount of direction and support from clinical • Supervisor required to perform effectively.
3.15 – 3.34	D	
3.00 – 3.14	D-	
1.00 – 2.99	F	<p><u>Unacceptable Performance</u></p> <p>(Maximum assistance is not effective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical skill/behavior is not evident most of the time • Student is unaware of need to modify behavior and requires ongoing direct instruction from Clinical Instructor to do so • Specific direction from Clinical Instructor does not alter unsatisfactory performance

A grade of Incomplete will only be assigned at the discretion of the clinical instructor, if a portion of required coursework has not been completed and evaluated during the course due to unforeseen but fully justified reasons and if there is still a possibility of earning credit for the course. It is the responsibility of the student clinician to bring pertinent information to the attention of the clinical instructor and to determine from the clinical instructor the remaining course requirements that must be satisfied to remove the incomplete grade. A final grade is assigned when the work agreed upon has been completed and evaluated. An Incomplete grade in a practicum must be resolved to the satisfaction of the clinical instructor(s) or the student clinician may not be eligible for subsequent practica and will not be eligible for internship placement.

A performance improvement plan following the terms designated by the university and outlining the timeframe and terms of completion of a grade of Incomplete will be developed by the clinical instructor and student clinician, in consultation with the audiology clinic director and audiology program director. Clinic clock hours will not be awarded until successful completion of the practicum assignment according to the terms of the performance improvement plan.

An Incomplete must be made up within the time limit specified by the instructor when the completed "I" grade is assigned. The time limit may not extend beyond 12 months. If the instructor does not specify a time limit, then the student must meet the conditions specified by the instructor within 12 months from the day grades are due on the academic calendar (the last day of the term) the same term in which the "I" grade was assigned. This limitation prevails whether or not the student maintains continuous enrollment. Failure to complete the assigned work will result in an Incomplete being converted to an "F" or "NC" on the academic transcript.