Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Policy on Student Academic and Clinical Conduct

Specific university, department, and clinic policies and procedures related to student academic and clinical conduct are clearly outlined and available to all of our academic community members on our handbooks webpage https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/student-resources.html and on the university website: https://www.csus.edu/umanual/studentpolicies.html

All entry-level undergraduate students attend an orientation directing them to university, department, and clinic policies and procedures related to student academic and clinical conduct.

Each semester all graduate students attend a graduate student and clinic orientation, which includes a review of university, department, and clinic policies and procedures related to student academic and clinical conduct.

Academic Conduct

Communication Sciences and Disorders faculty adhere to the university policies on academic conduct: https://www.csus.edu/umanual/studentpolicies.html

When faculty suspect academic dishonesty, they will:

1. Notify the student after class, in office hours, or by email of the concern; explain the reason why there are questions about the assignment; and offer the opportunity to meet to explain what happened.

2. If the student provides a satisfactory explanation, no further action is required

3. If the student does not respond or faculty believe that more likely than not the work contains academic dishonesty, faculty may inform the student of that decision and any applicable academic sanctions will apply.

4. In all cases, faculty will notify the Office of Student Conduct (OSC).

Clinic Conduct

Expectations for clinical conduct are clearly outlined and available to all of our academic community members in the clinic handbook portion of the department’s handbooks webpage https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/student-resources.html.

Additionally, the clinical competencies for each clinic include a set of specific competencies in the area of professional behavior aligned to clinic conduct. Violations of these expectations directly impact the clinic grade, which ultimately impacts successfully passing the clinic and proceeding through the program.

Any violations related to clinical conduct are to be reported to the Clinic Director who will enforce clinic policy and will meet with the student (and Department Chair, as needed) regarding resolution.