

# California State University, Sacramento Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders GRADUATE (AuD) SYLLABUS

Table 1: Class Information

Semester/Year: Spring/2023	Course: CSAD 680: Clinical Methods: Differential Diagnosis	Section: 01
Meeting Days:	Meeting Times:	Location:
Wednesday	4- 4:50pm	Folsom 1051
Instructor:	Email:	Phone:
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2404G, Folsom Hall	Mondays: 10.30 am- 12.30 pm, Wednesdays: 10.15 to 11.15 am (Make	
	appointment)	

# Catalogue Course Description:

https://catalog.csus.edu/courses-a-z/csad/csad.pdf

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Doctor of Audiology program; CSAD 610, CSAD 620, CSAD 630, CSAD 640,

CSAD 650, CSAD 660, CSAD 670 Corequisite(s): CSAD 680C

**Term typically offered:** Spring only

**Description:** Discussion of clinical cases to encourage critical thinking and decision-making processes.

#### Place of Course in Program

Table 2: Sacramento State Graduate Learning Goals for the 21st Century (GLG)

This methods course is important as third-year Au.D. students prepare to take the Praxis and leave for the externship. This course will be a grands-round style course in which students will discuss cases with each other and faculty.

Sacramento State Graduate Learning Goals (GLG)	Addressed by this
	course (Y/N)
Disciplinary knowledge: Master, integrate, and apply disciplinary knowledge and skills to current, practical, and important contexts and	Y
situations.	
Communication: Communicate key knowledge with clarity and purpose both within the discipline and in broader contexts.	Y

Critical thinking/analysis: Demonstrate the ability to be creative, analytical, and critical thinkers.	Y
Information literacy: Demonstrate the ability to obtain, assess, and analyze information from a myriad of sources.	Y
Professionalism: Demonstrate an understanding of professional integrity.	Y
Intercultural/Global Perspectives: Demonstrate relevant knowledge and application of intercultural and/or global perspectives.	Y
Research: Conduct independent research resulting in an original contribution to knowledge in the focused areas of their graduate program	Y

# Course Learning Outcomes:

#### **GRADUATE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Mastery of each student-learning outcome listed below is indicated by a grade of B or better on each component of the corresponding measures listed in the table. Students are required to track their progress towards meeting each learning outcome and must make an appointment with the instructor for any grade equal to or less than a B. The instructor will suggest strategies to help you establish competence and knowledge in these areas.

You should track your progress towards meeting each learning outcome by listing your grades on the table below over the course of the semester.

## **CSAD 680 SPECIFIC STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Discuss clinical cases from the semester
- 2. Evaluate clinical cases for differential diagnosis, intervention and/or treatment plans, and other clinical questions.

Table 2: Course Learning Outcomes, Components, and Grades Received

Course Learning Outcome	Components Indicating Competence	Grades Received
1-2	Class discussion/ questions	
1-2	Student presentation	

## Textbooks and Materials:

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association: 7th Edition, 2020; ISBN-13: 978-1433832178, ISBN-10: 1433832178

Other articles on Canvas.

Online Resources:

Canvas site

Course Requirements/Components:

## **Course Format**

Seminar

## **Class Preparation:**

All required readings are for the date listed in the course schedule, not the following class period. Students are responsible for all assigned readings, whether discussed in class or not.

## **Class Participation:**

Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions and are required to have read the assigned material prior to class meetings.

#### **Class Attendance:**

Classroom attendance is necessary for this course. Students are expected to arrive on time as class begins at 4:00 pm. Students must email the instructor if they are not able to attend the class and are responsible to learn the material that was covered during their absence. **Greater than two absences will cause the initiation of an academic performance improvement plan (APIP).** 

Student travel policy: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/">https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/</a> internal/ documents/policy/csad-student-travel-policy.pdf

If you are sick, stay home and do not attend class. Notify your instructor. Please self-diagnose if you are experiencing any COVID- like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, loss of smell or taste, nausea, diarrhea, or headache) or have had exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID contact Student Health & Counseling Services (SHCS) at 916-278-6461 to receive guidance and/or medical care. The CDC provides a good source of information regarding COVID-19 and a way to self-check symptoms: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>

Students must adhere to COVID-19 policies regarding mask wearing and vaccinations as described on the CSUS website. Please see <a href="https://www.csus.edu/compliance/risk-management/coronavirus.html">https://www.csus.edu/compliance/risk-management/coronavirus.html</a> and <a href="https://www.csus.edu/return-to-campus/return-to-campus-faq.html">https://www.csus.edu/return-to-campus/return-to-campus-faq.html</a> for more information and updates.

#### **Class Assignments**

Course grades will be based on the different assignments:

**Classroom participation** includes asking/ answering questions and engaging in discussion during case presentation and other discussions throughout the semester. **Professionality** will include timely arrival in class, timely and professional response to emails (within 48 hours), engaging in the class, timely submission of assignments, no mobile phone use in the class except for emergencies, use of professional language in class, etc.

**Reflection on action** assignments includes completing the reflection on action sheet and uploading to Calipso, and submitting to Canvas. This will be done once mid-term and in the final week of classes.

**Case study assignment:** You will be provided case histories/ test findings of patients and you will differentially diagnose and answer questions providing justification for your decisions.

**Differential diagnosis video assignment** contains watching an Audiology Online video and answering questions based on this video.

**Final presentations** will contain the following components: engaging case discussions, article assigned to the class at least one week in advance of the presentation date and planning an activity to discuss the article assigned. Detailed rubric will be provided.

Wellness activity contains posting a wellness goal on the discussion post. Once every month, you are also required to post a picture of yourself completing the goal. Post a photo in January, February, March, April, and May for full extra-credit.

For more information on the assignments and rubrics, please refer to Canvas.

## **Commitment to Integrity**

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

## Late work/ regrading:

All assignments must be submitted by the scheduled deadline. In the case that life events or other reasons prevent the student from submitting the assignment on time, contact the instructor to request for an extension. This request should be made one week in advance, or as early as possible. This extension will not be provided more than twice during the semester and will not be provided for the final assignment. Late submission will result in reduction in 10% points per day of delay in submission. Grades will not be changed under any circumstances to elevate a grade level (e.g. B to B+) and no emails regarding the same will be entertained.

# Grading Policy:

Table 3: Course Requirements and Grade Distribution

Source	% of Grade
Classroom participation + professionality	20%
Reflection on action assignment	5%
Case study assignment	15%
Differential Diagnosis video + asignment	10%
Final Presentations	50%
Wellness activity (Extra credit)	2%
Total	100%

Letter grades are assigned according to the following scores:

Table 4: Points, Percentages and Letter Grades

0/0	Letter
93-100%	A
90-92.99%	A-
87-89.99%	B+

83-86.99%	В
80-82.99%	B-
77-79.99%	C+
73-76.99%	С
70-72.99%	C-
67-69.99%	D+
63-66.99%	D
60-62.99%	D-
< 60%	F

# Course Policies/Procedures:

#### Academic conduct

Students enrolled in the Au.D. program must adhere to the Department and University policies on academic misconduct. Please see the department's policy on academic misconduct ("Policy on Student Academic and Clinical Conduct"). The following are expectations for professional behavior in the classroom:

- Ethics: Students must uphold the ethical standards set forth by professional bodies in the field (see Appendices C and D).
- Respect: Students should demonstrate respect to their peers, instructors, and staff.
- Feedback: Students are expected to self-reflect and modify their work in response to feedback, while displaying non-defensive behavior to suggestions.
- Health: Students should maintain their personal wellness and health, attending to any needs in a timely fashion in order to support their academic and professional growth.
- Attire: Students should dress appropriately for class. Classes may be held in clinic space, so students are expected to observe the clinic dress code.
- Accountability: Students are expected to be accountable, honest, and professional for their activities and communications. The general principles of ethical behavior should be applied to their coursework, evaluations, and examinations.
- Language: Students should demonstrate professional oral and written communication, including emails. Discretion and professional language should be used in all modalities, emphasizing constructive rather than reactive use.
- Scholarship: Students should take an active role in their learning, recognizing their deficiencies and seeking to correct them, as part of their commitment to lifelong learning.
- Effort: Students should collaborate and work to complete tasks and assignments on time or by the set deadline. Students are expected to follow through on all activities while maintaining professionalism and intellectual curiosity.

#### Attendance

Students are expected to arrive in class on time, prepared to participate and engage in classroom activities for both in-person and synchronous/virtual interactions. Students are responsible for class content, lecture materials, assignments, announcements, and must be aware of changes in the class schedule. Students are advised that instructional faculty may include an attendance policy in courses, which may require attendance as part of the student's course grade. These policies will be set in the syllabus.

Given the full-time, intensive nature this doctoral program, it is important that students contact instructors if they are absent or are anticipating absence, especially over an extended period of time. In the case of the latter, the Au.D. Program Director must also be notified. Attendance for clinical practica is outlined in the clinic handbook.

#### **Email**

Students in the Au.D. program are required to maintain an active CSUS email address, which is linked to the student ID number. Official emails will be sent through CSUS email. Students are expected to regularly check their CSUS emails.

# TENTATIVE Course Schedule/Outline:

Date	Topic/Class Content	Reading	Assignment
01/25	Course overview/ Expectations		
02/01	Case discussions	Hearing journal: Symptom: Hearing his voice in his ear	Class participation
02/08	Case discussions	Hearing journal: Symptom: SNHL, hyperacusis	Class participation
02/15	Case discussions	Hearing journal: Symptom: Dizziness with atmospheric changes	Class participation
02/22	Case discussions	Hearing journal: Symptom: Sudden HL and aural fullness	Class participation
03/01	Case discussions	Hearing journal: Symptom: purple ear drum and Hearing loss	Class participation
03/08	Final Student presentation:		
03/15	Final Student presentation:		
03/22	Spring break: No class		Mid-term reflection on action assignment
03/29	CSHA conference: Work on case study assignment		Case study assignment
04/05	Final student presentation:		
04/12	Final Student presentation:		
04/19	AAA Conference: Audiology online course: Meniere Disease and Vestibular Migraine: https://www.audiologyonline.com/audiology-ceus/course/meni-redisease-and-vestibular-37626 Course #37626		Online quiz following this video
04/26	Final Student presentation:		
05/03	Final Student presentation:		
05/10	Final Student presentation:		Final Reflection on action assignment

<sup>\*\*</sup> Course schedule is subject to change as required to accommodate student learning or guest lecture/ material availability.

#### For additional information, please review the CSAD Handbooks website:

https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/csad-handbooks.html

#### Zoom/ Online Instruction privacy and relevant rights and responsibilities:

Any time that a class session is recorded during the COVID-19-related Remote Instruction Period, students will be notified. If students do not want their likeness during class participation included in the recorded class session, they may elect to not participate via video recordings. Recordings will be available for viewing during the Remote Instruction Period subject to the following:

Only students enrolled in the subject class during the Remote Instruction Period may view the recording.

- Students may not post or use the recordings in any other setting (e.g., social media) for any purpose. Students who violate this will be subject to student discipline, up to and including expulsion.
- Federal and California law as well as University policies protecting intellectual property rights and use of
  instructional materials (including any recordings of class sessions) remain in effect during the Remote
  Instruction Period.
- If faculty have any plan to use the recording for a different class in the future, the faculty member will need written FERPA consent from those students in the current class who are identifiable in any of the recordings. A FERPA consent form signed by all students in the course will also be needed if the recordings are made available to others beyond the classroom on a nonsecure digital platform.

## Important Tips for Success as an Online Learner

There are some basic technical skills and requirements that you will need to have to be successful in this online course. If you have difficulties using Canvas, please go to this website: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/information-resources-technology/canvas/canvas-for-students.html">https://www.csus.edu/information-resources-technology/canvas/canvas-for-students.html</a>

- **Begin planning now for private, uninterrupted time in your schedule** to complete the assignments preferably in at least one-hour blocks and at least three times a week. It can be easy to fall behind!
- Check your email account regularly for updated information. We will be using your Saclink email account for communication. Use Saclink e-mail for private messages to the instructor and other students.
- Read directions carefully.
- For online communication, conventions of on-line etiquette ("netiquette"), which include a courtesy to all users, will be observed.

## Attitudes & Technical Skills Required

You will find that the following attitude will significantly contribute to your success in this online class:

- A positive attitude towards technology
- An open mind towards online education
- Willingness to share your experiences with others
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills for when you "get stuck"
- Resourcefulness don't be afraid to click on links and explore and ask questions
- Time management

#### Online learning requires only basic technical skills:

- Be competent with file management (for example, creating a folder on your desktop, moving files from one location to another, finding a saved file)
- Possess internet navigation skills
- Update your Internet browser
- Send and receive email
- Create and save documents (Word, PowerPoint, Excel or HTML)
- Toggle between two open software applications on your computer
- Copy text from a word processing program and paste them into another program

#### Technical Assistance

Seek help when you can't access Canvas or class materials.

- For technical assistance, contact the IRT Help Desk. Visit AIRC 2005 during <u>open hours</u> to speak with the IRT Service Desk Team, or call (916)278-7337. <u>IRT website.</u>
- For assistance with course materials, contact your instructor

#### Spam and Phishing Scams

- Learn how to stay safe and protect yourself from hackers who may try to access your personal information:

  <u>Don't Fall for a Phishing Scam</u>
- Use anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-malware software. <u>Sac State's Software and Tools</u> available for download.
- Use pins and passwords to secure your computer and devices- don't share your password with anyone. Use strong passwords that include a combination of letters and numbers that no one can guess.

## Canvas Student App

Canvas is fully functional on many types of smartphones and tablets. Compatible devices include platforms such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, and Android. However, it is recommended that you do not solely rely on one of these devices to complete your online course work. Access to a computer is still needed for many online activities. Visit the Mobile section of the Canvas Guides website for more information.

# Additional Information

## Commitment to Integrity:

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# Sac State's Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures:

"The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of scholars and teachers. California State University, Sacramento expects that both faculty and students will honor these principles, and in so doing, will protect the integrity of academic work and student grades." Read more about Sac State's Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures at the following website: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/umanual/student/stu-100.htm">https://www.csus.edu/umanual/student/stu-100.htm</a>

**Definitions**: At Sac State, "cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means." **Plagiarism** is a form of cheating. At Sac State, "plagiarism is the use of distinctive ideas or works belonging to another person without providing adequate acknowledgement of that person's contribution." Source: Sacramento State University Library Note: Any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, shall be reported to the <u>Office of Student Conduct</u>.

# Department Policy on Use of APA format

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders requires the use of the APA format and style. All students are required to reference the APA manual. All assignments are to be composed using APA format and style unless otherwise noted.

# Understand When You May Drop This Course:

It is the student's responsibility to understand when he/she need to consider disenrolling from a course. Refer to the Sac State Course Schedule for dates and deadlines for registration. After this period, a serious and compelling reason is required to drop from the course. Serious and compelling reasons include: (a) documented and significant change in work hours, leaving student unable to attend class, or (b) documented and severe physical/mental

illness/injury to the student or student's family. Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned if there is a compelling extenuating circumstance. All incomplete course assignments must be completed by the department's policy.

## Inclusivity:

Students in this class are encouraged to be active participants in all aspects of the course, including but not limited to lectures, synchronous and asynchronous activities, discussion posts, etc. Each of us must show respect for each other, as our class represents a diversity of beliefs, backgrounds, and experiences. This enriches all of our learning experiences together. Our individual differences deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. In this class, people of all ethnicities, genders and gender identities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, and nationalities are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. If you feel your differences may in some way isolate you from our classroom community, or if you have a specific need, please contact the instructor early in the semester. Your instructor will work with you to ensure that you become an active and engaged member of our class and community.

# Equal Access:

California State University-Sacramento, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you have a documented disability and verification from the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD), and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation of disability to SSWD and meet with a SSWD counselor to request special accommodation before classes start. Sacramento State Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD) offers a wide range of support services and accommodations for students in order to ensure students with disabilities have equal access and opportunity to pursue their educational goals. Working collaboratively with students, faculty, staff and administrators, SSWD provides consultation and serves as the information resource on disability related issues to the campus community. SSWD is located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 (Voice) or (916) 278-7239 (TDD only) or via email at sswd@csus.edu.

Sacramento State is committed to ensuring an accessible learning environment where course or instructional content are usable by all students and faculty. If you believe that you require disability-related academic adjustments for this class (including pregnancy-related disabilities), please immediately contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) to discuss eligibility. A current accommodation letter from SSWD is required before any modifications, above and beyond what is otherwise available for all other students in this class will be provided. Please be advised that disability-related academic adjustments are not retroactive. SSWD is located on the first floor of Lassen Hall 1008. Phone is 916-278-6955 and e-mail is <a href="mailto:sswd@csus.edu">sswd@csus.edu</a>. For a complete listing of services and current business hours visit <a href="mailto:https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/services-students-disabilities/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/services-students-disabilities/</a>

# Basic Needs Support

If you are experiencing challenges with food, housing, financial or other unique circumstances that are impacting your education, help is just a phone call or email away! The CARES office provides case management support for any enrolled student. Email the CARES office at <a href="mailto:cares@csus.edu">cares@csus.edu</a> to speak with a case manager about the resources available to you. Check out the <a href="mailto:CARES website">CARES website</a>.

#### Title IX

The University requires faculty and staff to report any personal disclosures of sexual misconduct including rape, dating/domestic violence and stalking to the Title IX Coordinator. Students who do not wish to report their experience to me or the Title IX Coordinator may speak to someone confidentially by contacting Student Health and Counseling Services.

Sac State is committed to supporting students and fostering a campus environment free of sexual misconduct and gender-based discrimination. If a student chooses to disclose to a faculty or staff member an experience related to

sexual misconduct which includes rape, relationship violence, or stalking, all faculty and staff are obligated to report this disclosure to the university's Title IX Coordinator. Sac State's Title IX Coordinator is Mary Lee Vance. Please email equalopportunity@csus.edu or (916) 278-5770. Upon receipt of the report, the Title IX Coordinator will contact you to inform you of your rights and options as a survivor and connect you with support resources, including resolution options for holding accountable the person who harmed you. Students who elect not to discuss their experience with the Title IX Coordinator can speak confidentially to the following confidential resources:

Student Health & Counseling Services at The WELL On Campus

Phone Number: 916-278-6461 Website: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/shcs">www.csus.edu/shcs</a>

Campus Confidential Advocate – Laura Swartzen

Email: weave@csus.edu

On Campus Phone Number: 916-278-5850 (during business hours)

WEAVE 24/7 Hotline: 916-920-2952

**CSUS Grading Policy** 

Information for students regarding grading is provided here: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/umanual/acad/umg05150.htm">https://www.csus.edu/umanual/acad/umg05150.htm</a>

As an instructor, one of my primary responsibilities is to help foster a safe learning environment in the classroom and throughout our campus. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. In this class, sexual topics may emerge in readings, assignments, and class discussions. Making a personal connection with the topics addressed in this class can be meaningful. However, please be advised that the University requires faculty and staff to report any personal disclosures of sexual misconduct including rape, dating/domestic violence and stalking to the Title IX Coordinator. Students who do not wish to report their experience to me or the Title IX Coordinator may speak to someone confidentially by contacting the following confidential resources:

Student Health & Counseling Services at The WELL

On Campus Phone Number: 916-278-6461

Website: www.csus.edu/shcs

Campus Confidential Advocate – Laura Swartzen

Email: weave@csus.edu

On Campus Phone Number: 916-278-5850 (during business hours)

WEAVE 24/7 Hotline: 916-920-2952

Students who wish to report sexual misconduct or violence that occurred while the student or the perpetrator were at Sacramento State may do so by contacting Sacramento State's Title IX Coordinator:

Skip Bishop

Director of Equal Opportunity Del Norte Hall 2005 william.bishop@csus.edu 916-278-5770

#### Other Resources

- The Office of Student Affairs maintains a list of campus resources/centers: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/center/">https://www.csus.edu/center/</a>
- Testing Center: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/testing-center/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/testing-center/</a>
- Library: <a href="https://library.csus.edu/">https://library.csus.edu/</a> for consultation: Rachel Stark, MS, AHIP, <a href="mailto:stark@csus.edu/">stark@csus.edu/</a>

- Services to Students with Disabilities: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/services-students-disabilities/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/services-students-disabilities/</a>
- Student Health and Counseling Services: Your physical and mental health are important to your success as a college student. Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) in The WELL offers medical, counseling, and wellness services to help you get and stay healthy during your time at Sac State. SHCS offers: Primary Care medical services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare, transgender care, and immunizations; urgent care for acute illness, injuries, and urgent counseling needs; pharmacy for prescriptions and over-the-counter products; mental health counseling, including individual sessions, group counseling, support groups, mindfulness training, and peer counseling; athletic training for sports injury rehabilitation; wellness services, including nutrition counseling, peer led health education and wellness workshops, and free safer sex supplies; violence and sexual assault support services. Most services are covered by the Health Services fee and available at no additional cost.
- Student Health and Counseling Services at The WELL: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/">https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/</a>
- Student Academic Success and Education Equity Programs: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/retention-academic-success/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/retention-academic-success/</a>
- Crisis Assistance and Resource Education Support (CARES): If you are experiencing challenges with food, housing, financial or other unique circumstances that are impacting your education, help is just a phone call or email away. The CARES office provides case management support for any enrolled student. <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/</a>
- CHHS Student Success Center: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/student-success/">https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/student-success/</a>
- Reading & Writing Center: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/undergraduate-studies/writing-program/reading-writing-center.html">https://www.csus.edu/undergraduate-studies/writing-program/reading-writing-center.html</a>
- Peer & Academic Resource Center: <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/peer-academic-resource/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/peer-academic-resource/</a>
- SMART Thinking (tutoring resource): <a href="https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/degrees-project/">https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/degrees-project/</a> internal/ documents/smarthinking.pdf

# Knowledge And Skills Acquisition (KASA) For Certification in Audiology

#### Scientific and Research Foundations

- Basic science skills (e.g., scientific methods, critical thinking)
- The basics of communication sciences (e.g., acoustics, psychoacoustics and neurological processes of speech, language, and hearing)

#### Standard II-A: Foundations of Practice

- A1. Genetics, embryology and development of the auditory and vestibular systems, anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, and pathophysiology of hearing and balance over the life span
- A2. Effects of pathogens, and pharmacologic and teratogenic agents, on the auditory and vestibular systems
- A4. Principles, methods, and applications of acoustics, psychoacoustics, and speech perception, with a focus on how each is impacted by hearing impairment throughout the life span
- A7. Applications and limitations of specific audiologic assessments and interventions in the context of overall client/patient management
- A10. Effects of hearing impairment on educational, vocational, social, and psychological function throughout the life span
- A13. Principles of research and the application of evidence-based practice (i.e., scientific evidence, clinical expertise, and client/patient perspectives) for accurate and effective clinical decision making
- A14. Assessment of diagnostic efficiency and treatment efficacy through the use of quantitative data (e.g., number of tests, standardized test results) and qualitative data (e.g., standardized outcome measures, client/patient-reported measures)

## Standard II-C: Audiologic Evaluation

- C1. Gathering, reviewing, and evaluating information from referral sources to facilitate assessment, planning, and identification of potential etiologic factors
- C2. Obtaining a case history and client/patient narrative
- C3. Obtaining client/patient-reported and/or caregiver-reported measures to assess function
- C4. Identifying, describing, and differentiating among disorders of the peripheral and central auditory systems and the vestibular system
- C5. Providing assessments of tinnitus severity and its impact on patients' activities of daily living and quality of life
- C6. Providing assessment of tolerance problems to determine the presence of hyperacusis
- C7. Selecting, performing, and interpreting a complete immittance test battery based on patient need and other findings; tests to be considered include single probe tone tympanometry or multifrequency and multicomponent protocols, ipsilateral and contralateral acoustic reflex threshold measurements, acoustic reflex decay measurements, and Eustachian tube function
- C8. Selecting, performing, and interpreting developmentally appropriate behavioral pure-tone air and bone tests, including extended frequency range when indicated
- C9. Selecting, performing, and interpreting developmentally appropriate behavioral speech audiometry procedures to determine speech awareness threshold (SAT), speech recognition threshold (SRT), and word recognition scores (WRSs); obtaining a performance intensity function with standardized speech materials, when indicated
- C10. Evaluating basic audiologic findings and client/patient needs to determine differential diagnosis and additional procedures to be used
- C11. Selecting, performing, and interpreting physiologic and electrophysiologic test procedures, including electrocochleography, auditory brainstem response with frequency-specific air and bone conduction threshold testing, and click stimuli for neural diagnostic purposes
- C12. Selecting, performing, and interpreting otoacoustic emissions testing
- C13. Selecting, performing, and interpreting tests for nonorganic hearing loss

- C14. Selecting, performing, and interpreting vestibular testing, including electronystagmography (ENG)/videonystagmography (VNG), ocular vestibular-evoked myogenic potential (oVEMP), and cervical vestibular evoked myogenic potential (cVEMP)
- C15. Selecting, performing, and interpreting tests to evaluate central auditory processing disorder
- C16. Electrophysiologic testing, including but not limited to auditory steady-state response, auditory middle latency response, auditory late (long latency) response, and cognitive potentials (e.g., P300 response, mismatch negativity response)
- C17. Posturography
- C18. Rotary chair tests
- C19. Video head impulse testing (vHIT)

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- E2. Identifying the need for, and providing for assessment of, concomitant cognitive/developmental concerns, sensory-perceptual and motor skills, and other health/medical conditions, as well as participating in interprofessional collaboration to provide comprehensive management and monitoring of all relevant issues
- E7. Developing and implementing individualized intervention plans based on clients'/patients' preferences, abilities, communication needs and problems, and related adjustment difficulties
- E14. Identifying individuals who are candidates for cochlear implantation and other implantable devices