

# Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders

## Maryjane Rees Language, Speech, and Hearing Center

### Research Policy

The purpose of the Maryjane Rees Language, Speech, and Hearing Center is to provide training opportunities for graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Sacramento State. Therefore, the primary function of this center is to provide opportunities for clinical experiences across the nine disorder categories delineated in the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2017 Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and the ASHA 2014 Standards and Implementation Procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology.

We serve a diverse population of clients in this center. Faculty members and students may occasionally wish to offer these clients the opportunity to participate in Sacramento State Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved clinical research. Clinic policy will allow faculty members who are primary investigators to request that student clinicians share information with their clients about opportunities to participate in research projects using an IRB approved recruitment flyer, provided that the research does not require that the client discontinue services received at this center. The research policy states:

Research Services: Clients in the Maryjane Rees Language, Speech, and Hearing Center may be offered opportunities to participate in research studies investigating the nature of speech, language and cognitive disorders, and the efficacy of state-of-the-art treatment methods. Participation is entirely voluntary, however, and does not affect clients' candidacy for treatment in the clinic.

Faculty members and students may also list the Maryjane Rees Language, Speech, and Hearing Center as a site for conducting IRB approved research. As a courtesy, please discuss your research proposal and any potential impact it will have on this Center's clients and/or space prior to submitting your proposal to IRB with the Department Chair and the Clinic Coordinator. Also, please consult with the Clinic Coordinator to arrange for use of therapy rooms and/or lab space at least four weeks prior to the beginning of each semester, or, if outside the semester schedule pattern, four weeks prior to needing the space.