

SITE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS/SHANDS

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DESCRIPTION OF SITE: Shands Hospital is a tertiary care center serving the medical needs of persons from the entire state of Florida. Associated with Shands is the J. Hillis Miller Health Center which serves as a primary based for medical research and outpatient services. The Department of Communicative Disorders provides services through their Speech and Hearing Center.

DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE: Students are assigned to a supervisor in one of several clinics:

- inpatient adult
- outpatient adult
- inpatient pediatrics
- outpatient pediatrics
- swallowing

HELPFUL PREREQUISITES:

- 1. Completion of Medical SLP Course (1 c.h. in fall semester)**
- 2. Interest in working in a medical environment;**
- 3. Willingness to get involved with the inpatient population;**
- 4. Ability to administer several diagnostic tests for the pediatric and adult population**

SPECIFIC SKILLS GAINED AT SITE:

- 1 Intervention and treatment for a variety of disorders in the birth to geriatric population
- 2 Skills in working with an interdisciplinary team
- 3 Exposure to a few augmentative devices
- 4 History taking
- 5 Laryngoscopic evaluation
- 6 Fluorographic interpretation of swallowing studies
- 7 Patient management from a medical perspective
- 8 Medical chart writing