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# Course Syllabus

**EDUP 9484**

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### Course Description

How speech-language pathologists (SLPs) practice is directly influenced by a number of factors from both inside and outside of the profession. These factors are dynamic and include things such as culture, laws and regulations, ethics, and a growing scientific evidence base. Professional issues in speech-language pathology comprise the foundation and framework for practice, and change over time. Staying up to date with professional issues is as critical for SLPs as staying current with clinical skills and expertise.

This course, presented by leading experts in speech-language pathology and allied professions, describes current professional issues for SLPs. It covers essential topics around ethics, supervision, counseling, and legal/regulatory compliance. It equips SLPs with strategies and resources to support best practices, ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to enhance their professionalism.

Content consists of SpeechPathology.com courses, which are available in various formats, including recorded (video) webinars, audio-only (podcast), and text. Each student will select relevant individual courses from SpeechPathology.com to total the required hours for the number of credits they wish to earn (1-4).

**Course Credits:** 1-4

### Grading Scale

A = 90-100 | B = 80-89 | C = 70-79 | D = 60-69 | F = 0-59

**Course Outcomes**

Students will be be equipped with strategies and resources to enhance their delivery of speech-language pathology services for preschool and school-age children with hearing loss, feeding and swallowing issues, voice disorders, stuttering, and complex communication needs.

Course Objectives/Outlines	Evidence Achieved
Describe ethical codes and guidelines for SLPs and list professional resources for support in resolving ethical dilemmas	Student will be assessed
List laws and regulations pertaining to SLP practice	Student will be assessed
Define interprofessional collaboration and describe strategies for an effective multidisciplinary approach	Student will be assessed
Describe strategies SLPs can use for working across cultures and generations	Student will be assessed
List key competencies for effective supervision	Student will be assessed
Discuss tools and counseling techniques that help with understanding students' needs	Student will be assessed
List and locate resources for SLPs to stay current on professional issues	Student will be assessed and submit a report

**Course Requirements**

This course can be taken for 1-4 semester credits. Students will be graded on the completion of the online content (individual online courses) and their corresponding exams, as well as on the submission of a reflection report. Exams are open notes.

Final grade is based on:

Completing required number of hours of online courses - 60%

Exam scores for individual online courses - 20% (open book)

Reflection report - 20%

**To receive 1 credit, you must:**

- 1) Complete 15 hours of online SpeechPathology.com courses
- 2) Pass the exam for each online course with score of 80% or better (open notes)
- 3) Submit a 1-page (minimum 500 words), single-spaced narrative reflection report summarizing how the individual courses will contribute to your professional development
- 4) Submit a list of your completed online courses

**To receive 2 credits, you must:**

- 1) Complete 30 hours of online SpeechPathology.com courses
- 2) Pass the exam for each online course with score of 80% or better (open notes)
- 3) Submit a 1.5-page (minimum 750 words), single-spaced narrative reflection report summarizing how the individual courses will contribute to your professional development
- 4) Submit a list of your completed online courses

**To receive 3 credits, you must:**

- 1) Complete 45 hours of online SpeechPathology.com courses
- 2) Pass the exam for each online course with score of 80% or better (open notes)
- 3) Submit a 2-page (minimum 1000 words), single-spaced narrative reflection report summarizing how the individual courses will contribute to your professional development
- 4) Submit a list of your completed online courses

**To receive 4 credits, you must:**

- 1) Complete 60 hours of online SpeechPathology.com courses
- 2) Pass the exam for each online course with score of 80% or better (open notes)
- 3) Submit a 2.5-page (minimum 1250 words), single-spaced narrative reflection report summarizing how the individual courses will contribute to your professional development
- 4) Submit a list of your completed online courses

SpeechPathology.com courses completed prior to enrollment in this course may not count toward these requirements.

**Reflection Report**

After completing all individual online courses, you will write a reflection report summarizing how the course content has enhanced your professional development. The reflection report must answer the following prompt:

*Describe how the information you learned in this course will contribute to your work as a speech-language pathologist. Include examples from the SpeechPathology.com courses you completed.*

Your reflection report must be typed (not handwritten), in narrative style, and free of spelling and grammatical errors as expected for graduate-level academic work.

The required length of the reflection report is based on the number of credits you want to earn (1-4).

- 1 college credit = Minimum 500 words
- 2 college credits = Minimum 750 words
- 3 college credits = Minimum 1000 words
- 4 college credits = Minimum 1250 words

The reflection report will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Includes the minimum required word count
- Addresses the prompt
- Includes example(s) from courses
- Communicates clearly

The reflection report must be submitted by the deadline indicated in your confirmation email.

**Course Content**

The content for the course comprises individual online SpeechPathology.com courses on the following topics: [Ethics](#), [Supervision](#), [Counseling](#), [Professional Issues](#), [Compliance and Regulatory](#). You'll choose the individual courses in your preferred format(s) to best suit your professional development and learning needs. A CEU membership to SpeechPathology.com (\$99 per year) is required to access the courses.

SpeechPathology.com courses that you've completed prior to your registration/enrollment in this graduate-level credit course cannot be used toward graduate-level credit. If you register for more than one graduate-level credit course, you must take new (unique) SpeechPathology.com courses to fulfill the required hours.

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