

## Undergraduate Honors Practicum

Announcing New Opportunities for COMS students intending to attend graduate school for Speech Language Pathology! We are offering limited positions of Undergraduate Honors Practicum Experiences for students during their senior year. The following requirements need to be met:

- Be accepted into the TWU COMS department.
- Be within 30 credit hours of graduating with an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences in the SLP track prior to the fall semester.
- Grades of a B or better in all COMS classes (no retaking of a COMS course due to a C) and an overall GPA of 3.5 shown by submitting an unofficial transcript of undergraduate coursework.
- Complete the departmental application (**See application under forms**) for Undergraduate Honors Practicum Experiences which includes two letters of recommendation: one must be submitted by a regular COMS faculty member (not an adjunct) and one additional letter of recommendation.
- Must have taken or be in the following courses for the upcoming fall semester:
  - COMS 3063 Preschool Language Development
  - COMS 3553 School Age Language

All information needs to be turned in to the department by **June 1**. Completion of the application process does not guarantee acceptance into the Undergraduate Honors Practicum Experience. The number of students accepted will be dependent on the needs of the TWU Clinic. The selection process is competitive and is based on a combination of your GPA, application and letters of recommendation.

Students accepted into the Honors Practicum Program will sign up for practicum in the fall semester of their senior year in which the following requirements will be completed:

Blackboard lessons on Lesson Plans, Objective Writing, Therapy Planning, Strategies, Data Collection etc...

Complete 25 hours of observation, 10 of which will be in the TWU Speech and Hearing Clinic (if hours are already completed, more may be required by the supervisor)

Shadow a graduate student clinician and help with materials, therapy preparation, data collection, and writing progress reports and therapy notes for 1-2 clients. The student will attend conferences with supervisors and can offer suggestions. By the end of the semester, students will be eligible to co-treat with the graduate student or provide treatment. The student will need to be available 2 mornings or afternoons per week for the semester. The student will receive a grade for the semester.

Students passing the fall practicum with an A or B and who have applied for graduate school would be eligible to sign up for practicum in the spring semester of their senior year. The student will be responsible for 1-2 clients' treatment for the semester including all clinical paperwork and regular meetings with the supervisor for their assigned client(s). Availability for 2 mornings or afternoons per week for the semester is necessary. The students will accrue practicum hours and receive a grade for the practicum. Students can expect to get 15-40 hours of treatment depending on the clinic schedule.