



SPEAC-IT

Special Education and Communication - Interdisciplinary Training

- >> Provides a **\$12,000** tuition stipend each year of the CSD graduate program with a post graduate service obligation.
- >> Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 19, 2019

The students who apply and are accepted will begin in the first year of graduate school. Each year, there will be a cadre of four CSD students and four Special Education teacher/master's students from the University of Kentucky who will learn together in an interdisciplinary program.

In the first year, students will participate in two to three seminars presented by experts in the field of communication disorders and services to students with severe disabilities.

In the second year, students will take three additional courses. One will be an intensive two-week summer course in the Dept. of Special Education on Assistive Technology and AAC. This summer course will include hands on learning and practice with assistive technology with an emphasis on Augmentative/Alternative Communication.

During the following fall and spring semesters, students will take one additional specialized course each semester, primarily via distance technology, with a focus on conducting interdisciplinary assessment and intervention for communication for children and youth with severe disabilities.

The graduate students' schedule will be adjusted to allow for these courses and exciting hands-on practice

visits to classrooms, as well as shadowing opportunities with specialists in occupational therapy, physical therapy and assistive technology in the school setting. When possible, hands-on experiences will occur in classrooms taught by the special educators who are in the cadre.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

The obligation for this funding is extremely flexible. For each academic year funded, the graduated SLP will work two years in the pediatric population in any setting they want. The setting can be in the schools, outpatient, private practice, etc. The only stipulation is that at least 51% of the clinician's caseload is pediatric. The total obligation then, is four years work in pediatrics, completed within a nine-year period after graduation.

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