



LinKS

Linking kids to Speech Language Pathologists

- Provides a \$19,750 stipend, year 2 of the CSD graduate program (1 year total).
- This grant is funded by the US Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education (OSEP).

LinKS provides 8 second-year graduate students with explicit training in the use of telepractice for the delivery of speech-language services to children in a school setting. Telepractice is the use of telecommunications to connect a patient with a speech-language pathologist. Telepractice is endorsed by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association

In addition to the accredited CSD program, LinKS students take two additional courses and complete three tele-experiences in year two of the graduate program. The first course and associated tele-experience are completed in the summer semester. Course 2 and associated tele-experience are completed in the fall semester. In the spring semester, students complete a full-time clinical rotation in a school setting with telepractice infused. Seminars support student's learning during the school rotation. Courses are completed using a hybrid distance learning model of on-line and in-person class meetings.

To participate a student must have a laptop computer, external microphone, speakers and stable Internet in his or her residence.

Obligation: The obligation for this funding is **extremely flexible**. For each 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 **three years work in pediatrics, completed within a eight year period after graduation**.

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