

Speech-Language Pathology Training Program
1 Year Clinical Fellowship 2023-2024
VA Portland Health Care System
Portland, Oregon

The training program is funded by VHA Office of Academic Affiliations. This fellowship is available only for US citizens.

Clinical Fellows complete the following four, 3 month, rotations with three separate mentors (not necessarily in the order listed). Although there is some overlap in training, each of the first three rotations provides a primary area of emphasis. Students are provided with required readings on advanced topics and attend various colloquia, symposiums and seminars.

We provide training in a) fluoroscopic evaluation of swallowing and FEES, b) evaluation of voice with use of acoustic voice analysis systems (e.g. Kay CSL, Praat, LSVT Companion Software), direct and fiberoptic laryngoscopy, and stroboscopy, c) evaluation and treatment for the use of trachea-esophageal speaking valves, d) evaluation of speech, language, and cognition, and e) evaluation and implementation of AAC devices and cognitive prosthetics.

Training occurs in the following locations:

- ENT-including Head & Neck Surgery (SICU); General Medicine Teams 1-5; Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit; Community Living Center, Vancouver Campus: Rehabilitation Unit, Skilled Nursing Care Unit, Long-term care, Hospice and Palliative care; Polytrauma Clinic; ALS Multidisciplinary Clinic; Dysphagia Outpatient Clinics; General SLP Outpatient Clinics

We require each CFY to develop and present a presentation on a topic of their choice, either to our internal staff, or to one of the interdisciplinary teams. Observation, didactic teaching, and supervision are provided throughout each rotation with the goal of progressively weaning the student toward independence. In addition to daily ongoing feedback, each student meets with their mentor weekly to discuss the student's progress along with any other issues of concern.

The application deadline is December 2, 2022, and the start date is typically at the beginning of October of the following year.

If you would like clarification or further information, please contact Dr. Craig Larson, Trainee Coordinator, by email, Craig.Larson3@va.gov, or phone 503-220-8262, Ext. 55723.

Any student interested in applying should send a brief email to Dr. Craig Larson, Craig.Larson3@va.gov, stating his or her intent to apply.

Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest and career goals, curriculum vitae, unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts, VA forms 306, and Application for Health Trainees (see links on front page), and three letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation should be from a clinical supervisor and one from a clinical instructor. An academic and clinical professor can speak to both areas, if applicable.

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Please concatenate all documents into a single .pdf, and “Save as” as an Adobe Acrobat optimized file type to compress or use an online .pdf compression program. If you would like to encrypt your application, please request a password to use from Dr. Larson by sending an email request. Note, the VA server may reject a large file size. We recommend sending a brief email to Dr. Larson stating that the application was sent. Applications should be submitted to Craig.Larson3@va.gov. (Note, the other VA forms listed on the website: Application for Assoc. Health Trainee, Form 306, and National Rules of Behavior will be required upon selection for a clinical fellowship).

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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