



VINAYAKA MISSION'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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Master of Science (Speech-Language Pathology) - M.Sc. (SLP)

NORMS AND GUIDELINES COURSE CONTENT

Effective from Academic Session 2021 – 22

Two years duration

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Master of Science (Speech-Language Pathology)

Regulations, Norms, Scheme of Examination and Curriculum – (2021-22) (Semester scheme)

1.0 Name of the course offered

The nomenclature of the program shall be Master of Science (Speech-Language Pathology). M.Sc. (SLP) shall be the short form.

2.0 Objectives of the M.Sc. (SLP) program

The objectives of the M.Sc. (SLP) program are to equip the students with knowledge and skills to

- function as teachers and researchers in institutions of higher learning,
- diagnose and manage disorders of speech, language, and swallowing across life span,
- counsel and guide persons with disorders of speech, language and swallowing as well as their family members,
- implement rehabilitation programs for persons with speech, language and swallowing disorders,
- to function as the disability certification authority in the field,
- liaise with professionals in allied fields and other stake holders,
- implement prevention and public education programs,
- undertake advocacy measures on behalf of and for persons with speech, language and swallowing disorders,
- advise government and other institutions on legal and policy issues related to persons with communication disorders, and
- to establish and administer institutions of higher learning.

3.0 Duration of the program

a) The program shall be of 4 semesters (2 academic years) and should be completed within 4 years from the date of admission.

b) An academic year consists of two semesters, and each semester shall extend over a minimum period of sixteen weeks excluding examination days. The semesters shall be spread out as follows:

Odd semesters – 1 & 3	July – November
Even semesters – 2 & 4	January – May

c) There shall be examination at the end of each semester. There shall be a vacation of minimum 2 weeks after the examinations at the end of odd semesters and 4 weeks after the examinations at the end of even semesters.

4.0 Medium of instruction

Medium of instruction shall be English

5.0 Eligibility for admission

5.1 Candidates with BASLP/B.Sc.(Speech & Hearing) degree of any recognized university by the Rehabilitation Council of India with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks are eligible for admission to the course.

5.2 Relaxation in the qualifying marks for designated categories of students shall be as per rules and regulations of respective University / State / Union Territories or the Central Government.

5.3 Age limit : No age bar.

6.0 Program Structure

Time structure of the program shall be as follows:

Semesters	4		
Weeks per Semester	16		
Days per week	5	80 days per semester	
Hours per day	7	560 hours per semester	
Semester 1	Theory	5 papers x 60 hours	300 hours
	Clinical		240 hours
	Others		20 hours
Semester 2	Theory	5 papers x 60 hours	300 hours
	Clinicals		240 hours
	Others		20 hours
Semester 3	Theory	4 papers x 60 hours	240 hours
	Clinicals		160 hours
	Dissertation		80 hours
	Others		80 hours
Semester 4	Theory	1 paper x 60 hours	60 hours
	Clinicals		160 hours
	Dissertation		320 hours
	Others		20 hours
Theory		300 + 300 + 240 + 60	900 hours
Clinicals		240 + 240 + 160 + 160	800 hours
Dissertation		0 + 0 + 80 + 320	400 hours
Others		20 + 20 + 80 + 20	140 hours
Total			2240 hours

7.0 Credit

Minimum Credit Requirements:

The minimum credit points required for the award of **M.Sc. (SLP)** is **88**. The credits are distributed semester-wise as shown in Table 1.

The credit for each subject / paper is calculated as follows:

Theory : One hour per week = 1 Credit

Clinicals / Dissertation: 2.5 hours per week = 1 Credit

Table 1: Credit System:

Semesters	Subject	Credit Scores	Hours	
			Theory	Clinical
SLP101	Research Methods, Epidemiology and Statistics	4	60	-
SLP102	Speech Science and Speech Production	4	60	-
SLP103	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	4	60	-
SLP104	Neurobiology of Speech-language and Cognition	4	60	-
SLP105	Clinical Linguistics & Multilingual Issues	4	60	-
SLP106	Clinicals (Internal)	6	-	240
SLP201	Advances in Speech Sound Disorders	4	60	-
SLP202	Voice : Science and Disorders	4	60	-
SLP203	Disorders of Fluency	4	60	-
SLP204	Language Disorders in Children	4	60	-
SLP205	Language and Literacy Disorders	4	60	-
SLP206	Clinicals (External)	6	-	240
SLP301	Neurogenic Speech Disorders	4	60	-
SLP302	Dysphagia	4	60	-
SLP303	Aphasia	4	60	-
SLP304	Cognitive Communication Disorders	4	60	-
SLP305	Clinicals (Internal)	4	-	160
SLP401	Practices in Speech-language Pathology	4	60	-
SLP402	Dissertation	8	320	-
SLP403	Clinicals (External)	4	-	160
	Total	88	1220	800

8.0 Grading System:

Table 2: Letter grades and grade points equivalent to percentage of marks and performances:

Range of % of Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Class
95-100	O++	10.0	*First Class with distinction
90-94	O+	9.5	
85-89	O	9.0	
80-84	A++	8.5	
70-79	A+	8.0	
60-69	A	7.0	First Class
55-59	B+	6.0	Second Class
51-54	B	5.5	
40-50	C	5.0	Pass
< Minimum Pass	U	0	RA (Reappear)
Absent	U	0	AB

- **Computation of Credit Points and Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)**

The credit points are calculated by multiplying grade point and credit for each subject. Example is given in the following table.

Table 3: Example : Grades and Grade Points

Course Title	Credits (C)	Grade Letter	Grade Point	Credit Point (Credit X Grade)
Research Methods, Epidemiology and Statistics	4	O	9	4 X 9 = 36
Speech Science and Speech Production	4	O++	10	4 X 10 = 40
Augmentative and Alternative Communication	4	A+	8	4 X 8 = 32
Neurobiology of Speech-language and Cognition	4	A	7	4 X 7 = 28
Clinical Linguistics & Multilingual Issues	4	B+	6	4 X 6 = 24
Clinicals (Internal)	6	O	9	6 X 9 = 54
Total	26			214

Thus, $SGPA = 214/26 = 8.2$

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)

The SGPA is the ratio of sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, *i.e.*,

$$\text{SGPA} (S_i) = \frac{\sum (C_i \times G_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

Where C_i is the number of credits of the i^{th} course and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the i^{th} course.

- **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a Programme, *i.e.*,

CGPA = $\frac{\sum (C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$ where S_i is the SGPA of the i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.

Table 4: Illustration of Computation of SGPA and CGPA and Format for Transcripts

- i. Computation of SGPA
- ii. Computation of CGPA

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Credit: 26 SGPA: 7.42	Credit: 26 SGPA: 6.8	Credit: 20 SGPA: 6.6	Credit: 16 SGPA: 6.0
Illustration for CGPA			
$\text{CGPA} = \frac{25 \times 7.42 + 25 \times 6.8 + 20 \times 6.6 + 16 \times 6.0}{88} = 6.79$			

9.0 Attendance

9.1 Attendance shall not be less than 80% in theory and 90% in Clinicals in each semester for students to be eligible to appear for examination at the end of each semester.

9.2 Candidates who cannot appear for examination for want of attendance will be declared failed and will have to repeat the particular semester to be eligible to appear for exams subsequently.

9.3 Condonation of shortage of attendance in genuine cases to a maximum of 5% shall be from the Vice-Chancellor of the respective University where the candidates are studying.

10.0 Examination Pattern

10.1 The examination pattern and papers shall be as shown in the table below:

	Subject	Marks		
		Exam	IA	Total
SLP101	Research Methods, Epidemiology and Statistics	80	20	100
SLP102	Speech Science and Speech Production	80	20	100
SLP103	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	80	20	100
SLP104	Neurobiology of Speech-language and Cognition	80	20	100
SLP105	Clinical Linguistics & Multilingual Issues	80	20	100
SLP106	Clinicals (Internal)	80	20	100
SLP201	Advances in Speech Sound Disorders	80	20	100
SLP202	Voice : Science and Disorders	80	20	100
SLP203	Disorders of Fluency	80	20	100
SLP204	Language Disorders in Children	80	20	100
SLP205	Language and Literacy Disorders	80	20	100
SLP206	Clinicals (External)	100	00	100
SLP301	Neurogenic Speech Disorders	80	20	100
SLP302	Dysphagia	80	20	100
SLP303	Aphasia	80	20	100
SLP304	Cognitive Communication Disorders	80	20	100
SLP305	Clinicals (Internal)	80	20	100
SLP401	Practices in Speech-language Pathology	80	20	100
SLP402	Dissertation	80	20	100
SLP403	Clinicals (External)	100	00	100
		1640	360	2000

10.2 Course content shall be as in **Annexure 1**

10.3 Board of Examiners

10.3.1 There shall be a Board of Examiners for scrutinizing and approving the questionpapers as well as scheme of valuation

10.3.2 Fifty percent of the members in the Board of Examiners shall be from outside the institution.

10.4 Pattern of Question Paper – End Semester Examinations

Theory

Duration: 3 hours

Essays (Answer 4 out of 5) (4 x 15)

60 marks

Short notes (Answer 4 out of 5) (4 x 5)

20 marks

Total

80 marks

10.5 The Internal Assessment marks in respect of all Theory papers will be based on 2 tests and 2 assessments in respective semesters. The IA marks will be submitted to the Controller of Examiner 10 days prior to respective semester examination.

10.6 Clinical examinations (for A106 and A305) shall be conducted by the designated internal faculty of the department at the end of 1st and 3rd semester. IA marks shall be awarded by all the faculty of the department on the basis of the assessment of the candidates' work throughout the particular semester.

10.7 Clinical examinations for A 206 and A 403 will be conducted by external examiner(s) at the end of the 2nd and 4th semester, respectively. Clinical Examination shall be with clinical population like in medical profession. The examiners shall also evaluate records of clinical and practical work of the students.

10.8 An internal faculty member can assist the external examiner(s) in A 206 and A403 Clinicals (External), but shall not award marks.

11. Dissertation

- a) All candidates registered to undergo the M.Sc.(SLP) degree program shall have to submit a dissertation at the end of 4th semester (15 days prior to commencement of end semester theory exams).
- b) Each candidate will be assigned a recognized guide in the second semester.
- c) Candidate can obtain approval for their dissertation proposal through ethical committee (students) of the university (by the end of second semester).
- d) The dissertation work will be individual research and will consist of data collection carried out during third and fourth semesters.
- e) The dissertation work shall be in a bound volume not exceeding 75 pages (one and half line spacing and on one side of A4 size paper) excluding references.
- f) Three bound copies and one soft copy of the dissertation work shall be submitted fifteen days prior to the commencement of the university examination and forwarded to the Controller of Examination of the University.
- g) The concerned guide may evaluate the performance of the candidate for the **internal marks** as per the guidelines given below. This evaluation would reflect the quality of work put into the dissertation by the student.

Table 5: Guideline for awarding IA – Dissertation

Sl.No	Activity to be completed	Marks
1.	Selection of topic on his own with implication	5
2.	Presentation	5
3.	Completing the tasks as scheduled	5
4.	Submission on Time	5
Total		20

h) The internal marks awarded based on the above format has to be submitted to the COE through the Head of Department 15 Days before the commencement of end semester exams.

i) One external and one internal examiner appointed by the university shall evaluate the dissertation as per the guidelines given below.

Table 6: Guidelines for Allotment of Marks for University Examination

Introduction, Review of literature	10 marks
Need for the study and Objectives	10 marks
Method	20 marks
Results and discussion	30 marks
Summary and Conclusion	10 marks
Total	80 marks

12. Criteria for passing

12.1 The student is required to obtain a minimum of 50% in each of the theory papers, internal assessment, practical and clinical exams, and dissertation for a pass.

12.2 Students will have to pass the clinical examination of the given semester to proceed to the next semester.

12.3 Carry-over of papers: Maximum number of attempts for any paper / clinical practicum / dissertation shall be three inclusive of first attempt. There shall be no supplementary examination.

12.4 The candidates are permitted to carry over the theory courses until the end of the program.

13.0 Award of Rank

Ranks and medals shall be awarded based on final CGPA for candidates who pass in the first attempt and the candidates should have completed the M.Sc.(SLP) program in minimum prescribed number of years, (two years) for the award of ranks. However, candidates who fail in one or more courses during the M.Sc. (SLP) program shall not be eligible for award of ranks.

14.0 Award of Degree

The University shall award the degree and issue certificate only after the candidates successfully complete all the examinations stipulated.

M.Sc (Speech-Language Pathology)

**Course content
Semester I**

SLP 101: Research Methods, Epidemiology and Statistics

60 hours: 100 marks

Objectives: After completing this course, the student will be able to understand

- a) clinical research designs and statistical methods,
- b) epidemiological issues and its relevance in speech-language research,
- c) evidence based practice in speech and language pathology, and
- d) ethical practices in research

Unit 1: Experimental Designs and Their Applicability in Speech-language Research

- a) Types of research- post facto research, normative research, standard group comparison, experimental research, clinical and applied research, sample surveys, evaluation research
- b) Methods of observation and measurement, strategies and designs in research
- c) Experimental designs, single subject designs and group designs
- d) Critical analysis of the research methods employed in Speech-language Pathology.
- e) Documentation and research writing
- f) Ethical considerations in research – National and international guidelines

Unit 2: Epidemiology

- a) Epidemiology: Definition, basic concepts – scope and function of epidemiology
- b) Study designs in epidemiology: Cohort studies, case-control studies, cross-sectional studies, clinical trials
- c) Measures in epidemiology – Ratios, proportions, rates, relative risk, odds ratio
- c) Identify biases and their consequences in published literature.
- d) Describe criteria for characterizing the causality of associations.
- e) Application of epidemiology in evaluation and screening procedures employed in Speech-language Pathology
- f) Application and impact of epidemiology on national and local policy; influence of epidemiology on ethical and professional issues

Unit 3: Statistical Measures and their Features

- a) Review of data description and exploratory data analysis (Numerical summaries and graphical summaries)
- b) Probability concepts and models
- c) Statistical Inference – Estimation Confidence Intervals
- d) Statistical Inference – Basic concepts related to hypothesis testing – null hypothesis, alternative hypothesis, significance level, statistically significant, critical value,

acceptance / rejection region, p-value, power, types of errors: Type I (α), Type II (β), one-sided (one-tailed) test, Two-sided (two-tailed) test

- e) Parametric and non-parametric approaches to hypothesis testing
- f) Categorical data analysis - contingency tables, Chi-square test for independence of attributes,
- g) Measures of association (Contingency coefficient, Cramer's V), Kappa coefficient

Unit 4: Regression, Univariate and Multivariate Analysis

- a) Correlation, regression analysis and prediction including multiple regression; logistic regression; path analysis
- b) Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)- Basic models, assumptions, one way and two way ANOVA; Consequence of failure of assumptions underlying ANOVA; Tests for additivity, homogeneity, transformation; Post – hoc tests; Analysis of Covariance (ANOCOVA); Repeated measure ANOVA
- c) Multivariate analysis: Need for multivariate analysis, various methods including MANOVA, MANCOVA
- d) Introduction to principal component analysis, factor analysis, discriminant function, multidimensional scaling
- e) Evaluation of application of statistics to different research designs used in different publications
- f) Critical analysis of research articles in the field: Analysis of research designs in different areas of Speech-language Pathology

Unit 5: Evidence Based Practice

- a) Introduction to Evidence Based Practice (EBP) and Steps to EBP from formulating foreground question, finding best current evidence, critical appraisal of best current evidence, summarizing evidence, integrating evidence and tracking progress.
- b) Concepts related to practical significance (effect size) vs. statistical significance, precision of measurement (confidence intervals)
- c) Levels of evidence: For experimental and non-experimental designs; treatment efficacy-randomized control study, quasi experimental study, correlation and case study, single subject designs, expert committee report, consensus conference
- d) Measures of diagnostic accuracy – positive and negative likelihood ratios; positive predictive value, negative predictive value, diagnostic odds ratio
- e) Concepts related to randomized control trials: Comparative groups- allocation concealment /random allocation; importance of participation and follow up in understanding, evaluating and applying randomized controlled trial results
- e) Methods of carrying out therapy trials; execution, indexing and reporting of therapy trials – efficacy studies; Conventions to study outcomes - i) Absolute risk reduction, ii) Absolute benefit increase, iii) Absolute risk increase, and iv) Absolute benefit reduction
- f) Systematic review and meta-analysis; importance of research publications in terms of systematic review, meta-analysis, clinical practice guidelines, health technology assessments.
- g) Challenges in implementation of EBP in Speech-language Pathology in India and future directions

Recommended Reading

- Russell Carter, Jay Lubinsky (2016). *Rehabilitation Research: Principles and Applications*. Elsevier
- Robert E. Owens Jr., Dale Evan Metz, Kimberly A. Farinella (2014). *Introduction to Communication Disorders: A Lifespan Evidence-Based Perspective*. Pearson Education
- Laura M. Justice, Erin Redle (2013). *Communication Sciences and Disorders: A Clinical Evidence-Based Approach*. Pearson Education.
- Robert F. Orlikoff, Nicholas E. Schiavetti, Dale Evan Metz (2014). *Evaluating Research in Communication Disorders*. Pearson Education
- David L. Irwin, Mary Pannbacker, Norman J. Lass (2013). *Clinical Research Methods in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology*. Second Edition. Plural Publishing
- Timothy Meline (2009). *A Research Primer for Communication Sciences and Disorders*. Pearson Education
- David L. Maxwell, EikiSatake. (2006) *Research and Statistical Methods in Communication Sciences and Disorders*. Thomson/Delmar Learning.
- John C Reinard (2006). *Communication Research Statistics*. SAGE Publications
- Nicholas Schiavetti, Dale Evan Metz (2006). *Evaluating Research in Communicative Disorders*. Allyn& Bacon
- Tim Pring (2005). *Research Methods in Communication Disorders*. Wiley
- Donald G. Doehring (2002). *Research Strategies in Human Communication Disorders*. Pro-Ed
- Carole E. Johnson, Jeffrey L. Danhauer (2002). *Handbook of Outcomes Measurement in Audiology*. Singular
- David L. Maxwell, EikiSatake (1997). *Research and Statistical Methods in Communication Disorders*. Williams & Wilkins

SLP 102: Speech Science and Speech Production

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the students will be able to

- a) describe the physiology of speech production,
- b) discuss acoustic theories of speech production,
- c) describe the acoustic characteristics of speech sounds, and
- d) know the application of acoustic analysis and speech synthesis.

Unit 1: Introduction to the Study of Speech Physiology

- a) Physiological aspects of speech production (respiration, laryngeal and articulatory subsystem)
- b) Aerodynamics of speech: mechanics of airflow – laminar, orifice and turbulent flow: maintenance of airway pressure for speech
- c) Speech breathing
- d) Lower air way dynamics: anatomy, laryngeal and lung activity in speech: conversational speech and loud speech; glottal activity in the production of speech sounds and whisper
- e) Upper airway dynamics: constrictors in upper airway; aerodynamics of speech sounds
- f) Measures of respiratory analysis and instrumentation: intraoral and sub glottal pressure; instrumentation

Unit 2 : Theories of Speech Production

- a) Acoustic theory of speech production: source and filter characteristics; output speech and its characteristics
- b) Critical evaluation of acoustic theory of speech production
- c) Aspects of speech acoustics
- d) Aspects of prosody and their realization
- e) Characteristics and production of vocal music: Contrast with speech production

Unit 3: Instrumentation for Studying Speech

- a) Acoustic analysis of speech - techniques of digital signal processing, Long Term Average Spectrum
- b) Software for acquisition and acoustic analysis – freeware and patented software
- c) Spectrogram: Identification of sounds and their acoustic features through spectrogram
- d) Physiological measurements: Techniques and instrumentation like Electromyography, Stroboscope, Electroglottography, Ultrasound, EMMA, evoked potentials, fMRI, PET

Unit 4 : Acoustic and Aerodynamic Characteristics of Speech Sounds

- a) vowels and diphthongs
- b) plosives
- c) nasal consonants
- d) fricatives
- e) other consonants - affricates, glides and liquids
- f) effects of context and speaker

Unit 5: Application of Acoustic Analysis and Speech Synthesis

- a) Applications of acoustic analysis in speech disorders
- b) Forensic applications: semiautomatic and automatic methods
- c) Infant cry analysis- characteristics of normal and abnormal cries, models, infant cry as a tool for early identification of high-risk babies
- d) Speech synthesis and its applications: articulatory, parametric synthesis and analysis by synthesis

Recommended Reading

- Borden, G. J., & Harris, K. S. (2011). *Speech Science Primer*, Philadelphia. Lippincott, William & Wilkins.
- Ferrand, C. T. (2007). *Speech Science – An Integrated Approach to Theory and Practice*. 2nd Edition, Boston, Allyn & Bacon.
- Hixon, T. J., Weismer, G., & Hoit, J. D. (2014). *Preclinical Speech Sciences; Anatomy Physiology Acoustics Perception*. San Diego, Plural Publishing.
- Hollien, H. (2002). *Forensic Voice Identification*. NY, Academic Press Inc.
- Kent, R. D., & Read, C. (2002). *The Acoustic Analysis of Speech*. New York, Delmar Learning.
- Ladefogd, P. (2001). *An Introduction to the Sounds of Languages; Vowels and Consonants*. Oxford, Black Well
- Raphael, L. J. (2007). *Speech Science Primer*. Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- CIIL Publications on the production of sounds in different languages of India

SLP 103: Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) identify and describe various approaches and methods used in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC),
- b) select appropriate AAC strategies and assessment procedures for individuals with complex communication needs,
- c) describe the treatment plan for implementation of AAC with evidence based rationale,
- d) discuss the current status of the use of technology and practice of AAC for intervention in the Indian context, and
- e) identify issues for research.

Unit 1: Types, Classification and Description of AAC

- a) Definition, history, need and classification of AAC
- b) Team approach in AAC: Types, team members and their roles
- c) Aided systems and symbols in AAC: different types and their details
- d) Unaided systems and symbols in AAC: Different Types and their details
- e) Technology in AAC:
 - i) Communication Boards: Types
 - ii) Low and high tech aids & devices: Types, Interfaces

Unit 2: Assessment for AAC

- a) Assessment of AAC Candidates: Models for assessment
- b) Formal and informal assessment: Standard tests and scales
- c) Considerations in other domains - physical/ motor and seating requirements, cognition, vision and hearing, speech perception

Unit 3: AAC Intervention: Principles and Procedures

- a) General Principles and Strategies – Aided and unaided AAC
- b) Selection of vocabulary and symbol representation of the vocabulary: - types of vocabulary, factors affecting choice of vocabulary
- c) Strategies for selection of symbols in AAC, their types and factors affecting decision making: direct selection, scanning, encoding, word prediction
- d) Selection and decision making with reference to low and high tech aids and devices

Unit 4: Specific Intervention Strategies with Different Populations

- a) Specific intervention strategies for children with cognitive communication needs: (intellectually challenged, cerebral palsy, children with language disorders and children with dual and multiple disabilities).
- b) Specific intervention strategies for adults with cognitive communication need:
 - i) Temporary conditions: laryngectomy, voice disorders
 - ii) Neurological conditions: Degenerative and non-degenerative conditions, Aphasia, traumatic brain injury

- iii) Structural disorders and disorders affecting speech intelligibility
- c) Measuring outcomes in using AAC and evidence based practices

Unit 5: Contemporary Issues in AAC

- a) Use of technology: Hardware and software (applications) in intervention for children and adults with communication disorders
- b) Current status of AAC in India and scope for research
- c) Adaptation of AAC in different set ups: home, schools, work place, and other social situations
- d) Training in the use and application of AAC for parents and caregivers

Recommended Reading

- Beukelman, D., & Mirenda, P. (2012). *Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Supporting Children and Adults with Complex Communication Needs*, Fourth Edition. Baltimore: MD. Paul Brookes Publishing.
- Bryant, D. P., & Bryant, B. R. (2011). *Assistive technology for people with disabilities*. Pearson Higher Ed.
- Light, J. C., Beukelman, D. R., & Reichle, J. (2003). *Communicative Competence for Individuals Who Use AAC – From Research to Effective Practice*. Baltimore, H. Brookes Publishing Co.
- Lloyd, L., Fuller, D., & Arvidson, H. (1997). *Augmentative and alternative communication: Handbook of principles and practices*. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon.
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- Reichle, J., Beukelman, D.R., & Light, J.C. (2002) *Exemplary practices for beginning communicators: Implications for AAC*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing
- Soto, G., & Zangari, C. (2009). *Practically Speaking Language Literacy & Academic Development for Students with AAC Needs*. Baltimore: MD. Paul Brookes Publishing.
- Mani, M.N.G., Gopalkrishnan, V., & Amaresh, G. (2001). *Indian Sign Language Dictionary*. Germany, CBM International.
- Vasishta, M., Woodward, J., & Desantu, S. (1980). *An Introduction to Indian Sign Language*. New Delhi: All India Federation of the Deaf.

SLP 104: Neurobiology of Speech-Language and Cognition

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) explain the anatomy and physiology of nervous system and role of neurotransmitters in relation to speech-language and its disorders,
- b) know the laboratory - based procedures in understanding neural bases of speech-language,
- c) discuss and interpret the neuro-diagnostic findings,
- d) describe the neural bases of speech-language,
- e) know the effect of aging on CNS structures, and
- f) Discuss research relevant to neuroscience of speech-language.

Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System Related to Speech-language

- a) Review of central nervous system and peripheral nervous system, cortical and subcortical pathways
- b) Blood supply to CNS
- c) Neurotransmitters – types and classification, major location, functions and synthesis / chemical composition; signal propagation in the nervous system
- d) Neurotransmitters in neuropathological conditions influencing speech, language and related disorders
- e) Brain plasticity
- f) Functional organization of brain – lateralization of functions
- g) Evidence from neuroimaging studies on speech perception, comprehension and production

Unit 2 : Methods of Understanding the Neurological Status of Speech-language Mechanisms

- a) Clinical examination of neurological status - history, physical examination, reflexes
- b) Neuro-diagnostic procedures for routine clinical examination – cranial nerve examination, sensory & motor examination, examination of mental functions
- c) Neuro-imaging procedures: X-Ray, CT scan, MRI, fMRI, TcMS, PET, SPECT, and others - advantages and disadvantages
- d) Neuro-physiological procedures - Evoked potentials (visual, auditory and somato-sensory), eye-tracking, electromyography (EMG), [magnetoencephalography](#) (MEG) - Advantages and disadvantages
- e) Neuro-behavioral procedures - neurolinguistics investigation, priming and its types, reaction time measures and other related procedures

Unit 3: Cognitive Process Models and Implications of Information Processing for Speech-language

- a) Types and Models of Attention - Broadbent's Bottleneck Model, Norman and Bobrow's Model, Treisman model, Deutsch and Deutsch model.
- b) Types and Models of memory (Atkinson and Shiffrin's multistore Model, Craik and Lockhart's Levels of Processing model, Baddley's Working Memory model)

- c) Role of attention and memory in the development of speech and language - models of cognitive-linguistic process (hierarchical, process, interactive, computational, neural network); bilingual models (simultaneous and sequential processing)

Unit 4: Neural basis of Speech-language and Cognition

- a) Neural network of speech perception, semantic processing and sentence comprehension - Spoken word recognition, auditory word recognition, visual word recognition, sentence processing and discourse comprehension
- b) Neural basis of speech production (sound, syllable, word and sentences)
- c) Evidence from research studies - behavioral, neuroimaging and evoked potentials studies in normal and persons with neurological disorders
- d) Neural basis for cognitive processes and its relation to language processes
- e) Neural network for reading, writing and spelling
- f) Representation of languages in the brain – Monolingual, bilingual and multilingual

Unit 5: Neuroscience of Aging and its Effect on Speech-language

- a) Aging - definition, types- (senescence and senility, primary and secondary aging, biological and psychological aging), phenomenon of aging (neurological, cognitive and behavioral correlates, structural changes with age, brain weight, ventricular size, microscopic changes and atrophy).
- b) Theories of aging - cellular, genetic, cumulative, random cell damage, programmed cell death, high level control of aging, cellular theories, geriatric theories and other theories
- c) Neurophysiological / functional changes with age: accuracy, speed, range, endurance, coordination, stability and strength; neurobehavioral correlates of aging -lateralization of functions across life span, cerebral asymmetry, electrophysiological and behavioral evidences
- d) Effects of aging on speech and language across life span: in typical and pathological conditions.
- e) Effect of aging on cognitive dimension and speech perception

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SLP 105: Clinical Linguistics and Multilingual Issues

Hours - 60: Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) understand aspects of clinical linguistics relevant to speech-language pathology,
- b) discuss the acquisition process and related disorders pertaining to various components of language,
- c) discuss general concepts, theoretical background and issues related to socio-linguistics,
- d) discuss the multilingual and multicultural issues in rehabilitation with reference to India, and
- e) Undertake research in the area of clinical linguistics related and relevant to speech-language pathology.

Unit 1: Introduction to clinical linguistics; Phonological, semantic and syntactic acquisition and related disorders

- a) Introduction to clinical linguistics and scope of linguistics in clinical field.
- b) Principles of general linguistics and their clinical relevance.
- c) Phonological acquisition and disorders
- d) Semantic acquisition and disorders
- e) Grammatical acquisition and disorders

Unit 2: Pragmatics and sociolinguistic concepts

- a) Pragmatics – Theoretical background: Discourse, deixis, anaphora, maxims and truth relations
- b) Discourse comprehension
- c) Discourse analysis/Narrative analysis in neuro typical adults and persons with disorders
- d) Development of pragmatics in children
- e) Pragmatic disorders with respect to some clinical disorders
- f) Sociolinguistic concepts relevant to speech-language pathologists (language and dialects issues, various types and dialects, diglossia, stylistic variation of language-registers, Language contact-Creoles, Pidgins, language maintenance, language shift and language death, language deficiency)

Unit 3: Psycholinguistics and language acquisition

- a) Issues involved in language acquisition – Motherese /child directed speech
- b) Models of second language acquisition
- c) Language acquisition in bi- and multi-lingual environments – concepts related to proficiency, dominance etc; issues and implications for assessment and intervention
- d) Psycho linguistic models of language pathology

Unit 4: Neurolinguistics

- a) Introduction to neurolinguistics
- b) Language and lateralization – left brain and right brain differences
- c) Coding and decoding
- d) Neuroanatomical and neurophysiological bases of language learning and dysfunction
- e) Mechanism and bases of recognition of spoken and visual word, sentence processing and discourse comprehension.

Unit 5: Multilingual and multicultural issues in communication

- a) India as a multilingual nation– A brief introduction to the major language families of India
- b) Relation between language and culture, language and thought relationship in view of Sapir-Whorf hypothesis: linguistic determinism and linguistic relativity
- c) Cultural issues in verbal and non-verbal communication
- d) Multicultural and multilingual issues in rehabilitation with special reference to India

Recommended Reading

- Allan, B. (2014). The guidebook to sociolinguistics. UK: Wiley Blackwell.
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Semester II

SLP 201: Advances in Speech Sound Disorders

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the students will be able to

- a) describe recent theories and concepts related to phonological development and its disorders,
- b) diagnose and manage children with speech sound disorders,
- c) provide comprehensive care including speech therapy for persons with CLP as a member of the cleft palate team, and
- d) Guide and counsel families of children with CLP.

Unit 1: Phonological Development and Disorders

- a) Recent concepts in theories of phonological development: Generative phonology, natural phonology, non-linear phonology, optimality theory
- b) Application of phonological theories in evaluation and management of phonological disorders
- c) Co-articulation – Types (anticipatory, carryover); Models of co-articulation - feature based, syllabic, allophonic, target, physiological and degree of articulatory constriction models); Physiological / Acoustical / Perceptual studies in co-articulation
- d) Current concepts in taxonomy of speech sound disorders in children

Unit 2: Assessment and Management of Children with Phonological Disorders

- a) Comprehensive phonological assessment procedures – Formal and informal; Independent and relational analyses; dynamic assessment
- b) Assessment of phonological awareness and phonological processing in children with speech sound disorders
- c) Critical appraisal of test material in Indian context - Specific issues in phonological assessment in multilingual environments
- d) Determining need for intervention and intervention decisions

Unit 3: Management of Children with Speech Sound Disorders

- a) Evidence based approaches to intervention – Motor based approaches, linguistic based approaches; use of non-speech oro-motor activities
- b) Motor learning principles – applications to interventions
- c) Considerations in intervention: methods to measure clinical change and determining progress in therapy and generalization
- d) Specific considerations in intervention within multilingual contexts.
- e) Use of software applications (Apps) in intervention; Use of tele-health for intervention of speech sound disorders

Unit 4: Cleft Lip and Palate

- a) Phonological development in children with CLP
- b) Development of other language attributes (morphology, semantics, syntax, pragmatics)
- c) Velopharyngeal Closure- normal physiology, parameters affecting velopharyngeal closure and nature of velopharyngeal dysfunction in persons with CLP
- d) Perceptual assessment protocols for speech characteristics in children with repaired CLP
- e) Instrumental assessment of velopharyngeal closure- Imaging techniques, acoustic measurements, aerodynamic measurements

Unit 5: Management of Persons with CLP

- a) Surgical, orthodontic and prosthodontic management in CLP.
- b) Early intervention for children with CLP – Methods and studies related to efficacy
- c) Speech and language therapy for persons with velopharyngeal dysfunction
- d) Current evidence based practices in assessment and management of CLP

Recommended Reading

- Bernthal, J.E., Bankson, N.W., & Flipsen, P. (2013). Articulation and phonological disorders (7th Ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.
- Dodd, B. (2013). Differential diagnosis and treatment of children with speech disorder (2nd Ed). NJ: Wiley.
- Vasanta, D. (2014). Clinical applications of phonetics and phonology. ISHA Monograph. Vol 14, No. 1. Indian Speech & Hearing Association.
- Velleman, S. L (2003). Resource guide for Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Delmar/Thomson Learning.
- Williams, A., McLeod, S., & McCauley, R. (2010). Interventions for speech sound disorders in children. Baltimore: Brookes.

SLP202: Voice: Science and Disorders

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) understand the bio-mechanics of voice production in normal individuals and in those with voice disorders,
- b) explain and assess the roles of breathing mechanism, vocal fold vibration, vocal tract resonance and enunciation in voice production,
- c) delineate the varying roles and responsibilities of a SLP in a trans-disciplinary (medical) team to assess and treat voice disorders in children, adults, geriatrics and specific population including professional voice users, and
- d) appraise different service delivery models and procedures to run a voice clinic

Unit 1: Voice Science

- a) Vocology – scope and objectives
- b) Breathing and voicing: lungs and airways, breathing mechanism as an interactive sound generating system: breathing oscillator & valving oscillator, combining the breathing and valving oscillators with voicing
- c) Vocal folds and voice: Biology of vocal fold tissue and lamina propria, muscular properties and vocal behaviours, biomechanics and voice control/modulation, voice fatigue, vocal injury and recovery, wound healing
- d) Resonance and voice: concepts of acoustic impedance, reactance, inertance, and compliance, acoustic impedance of the vocal tract, the effect of vocal tract reactance on self-sustained vocal fold oscillation, idealized vocal tract shapes and voice quality, modulating phonation with articulation and prosody

Unit 2: Voice Assessment and Voice Disorders

- a) Vocometry: assessing vocal ability: principles, methods and procedures: General assessment principles, evaluation procedures, tools of measurement, purpose of measurement, measurement scales, auditory perceptual evaluation- speech breathing, voice quality, resonance, and overview of instrumentation for voice assessment: visualization techniques, acoustic analysis, aerodynamic analysis, glottography, nasometry and electromyography
- b) Voice disorders: issues in definition, incidence and prevalence, occupational risks and voice disorders
- c) Classification of voice pathologies, characteristics and pathophysiology: Structural, neuropathologic, idiopathic, functional/behavioral - pathologies related to mechanical stress, tissue elasticity, fluid transport, airway environment and abnormal muscle activation
- d) Voice disorders in specific populations: Laryngectomy, pediatric voice disorders, aging voice, professional voice, vocal cord dysfunction/paradoxical vocal fold motion, transgender and trans-sexual voice

Unit 3: Voice Habilitation

- a) Voice management team, roles and functions
- b) Pharmacological and surgical effects on voice: Current trend in medical and surgical management: Medications for bacterial and other infections, allergies, edema, pain, asthma, cough, gastric and laryngopharyngeal reflux, stage fright, spasmodic dysphonia, mood conditions, sleep disturbance, hormone imbalances, etc. Voice surgeries – pre-operative and post-operative care and precautions
- c) Voice habilitation: Current views and approaches; EBP for voice and its disorders; Voice therapy methods for children and adults.
- d) Voice exercise principles and procedures: Physiological voice therapy methods Vs. Behavioral voice therapy methods, role of vocal hygiene and voice rest, basics of exercise physiology, general principles, types of exercises, exercise prescription and progress, vocal exercise techniques – vocal function exercises, resonant voice exercise, confidential voice therapy, and other voice exercises including psychological approaches, relapse and restoration
- e) Habilitation of persons with laryngectomy: Speech and medical considerations in laryngectomy, voice restoration in laryngectomies, counseling and quality of life

Unit 4: Voice Needs and Problems in Professional Voice Users

- a) Vocal professionals and voice disorders: classification, pathologies affecting voice – frequency, personal and social impacts, occupational hazards and issues, nature of voice problems: repetitive strain injuries, acute injuries and chronic problems – presentation, assessment and treatment
- b) Laryngeal rest, modified voice rest/conservative voice use, vocal hygiene; laryngeal rest versus exercise: effects on wound healing, general wound healing processes
- c) Voice habilitation for singers and other elite vocal users: Demands on voice, nature of vocal training and use, voice fatigue and assessment, basic principles of motor learning, awareness training, and vocal exercises, concept of professional voice care team – role of medical and non-medical team players
- d) Voice habilitation for teachers: voice problems in teachers: nature and manifestation, use of voice in classroom and factors influencing, vocal loading and assessment, vocal fatigue, techniques to improve the speaking voice and delivery, voice projection techniques, vocal education and counseling

Unit 5: Service Delivery and Other Professional Issues

- a) Scope of practice in the area of voice – training in endoscopy, documentation, telepractice – trends across globe and in India (practice guidelines, technical reports, position statements, knowledge and skills document relevant to voice as per RCI, ASHA, European Laryngological Society, and other relevant professional/statutory body).Issues in adopting and implementing the same in India.
- b) Patient compliance and concordance to voice management: Relevance of voice problems/voice problems as a public health concern, measuring severity of voice condition, measurement of compliance to management options, treatment variables and effects, patient-clinician interactions, socio cultural and economic considerations
- c) Voice clinics: SLP led clinics Vs. SLP in a medical team, space and other infrastructural requirements, specialty clinics considering needs of specific population such as singers, transgenders, transsexuals, non-native speakers, broadcasters, etc

- d) Research and ethics in clinical practice: overview of basic and applied research in voice, ethics in clinical research, informed consent, clinical trials, methods to popularize services- roles of associations, conferences, working groups, awareness movements/drives like world voice day, camps, public awareness programs, role of media, prevention of voice problems.

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SLP 203: Disorders of Fluency

Hours – 60: Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the students will be able

- a) explain the nature, types and bases of fluency and its disorders,
- b) discuss the theories and models of stuttering,
- c) describe, diagnose and manage persons with different types of fluency disorders,
- d) implement a team of professional for evaluation and management of fluency disorders,
- e) counsel the clinical clientele, their family members and others to manage the problem, and
- f) evaluate research output in the area of fluency and its disorders

Unit 1: Overview of Fluency and its Disorders

- a) Dimensions of fluency disorders- recent advances; Supra segments
- b) Development of fluent speech: Factors affecting fluency of speech
- c) Theories of stuttering - linguistic, articulatory, audiological, laryngeal and genetic predisposition
- d) Neuro anatomical, neuro-physiological bases of fluency disorders
- e) Cortical activation patterns in stuttering - neuromotor problem
- f) Stuttering as a timing disorder
- g) Feedback and feed-forward models of stuttering.

Unit 2: Types of Non-fluencies and Dysfluencies

- a) Normal non-fluency and developmental stuttering
- b) Cluttering- causes and characteristics
- c) Neurogenic, Psychogenic and other types of fluency disorders
- d) Stuttering in persons with multiple disability

Unit 3: Assessment of Fluency and Dysfluency

- a) Objective tools for assessment of fluency and its disorders
- b) Subjective and perceptual assessment
- c) Electrophysiology in the evaluation of fluency disorders
- d) Functional radiological studies of stuttering
- e) Cognitive dimension of stuttering
- f) Diagnosis and differential diagnosis

Unit 4: Management of Disorders of Fluency

- a) Spontaneous recovery and relapse
- b) Principles of therapy; skill training
- c) Approaches to management of fluency disorders in adults and children
- d) Group therapy
- e) Input from allied professionals in the management of fluency disorders
- f) Behavioral and work-place management

- g) Counseling - including parents and teachers
- h) Social help and advocacy groups
- i) Apps based and other innovative modes including telemode.

Unit 5: Recovery and Related Issues

- a) Relapse and recovery pattern in fluency disorders
- b) Efficacy and outcome measures of fluency therapy
- c) Evidence based practice
- d) Bilingualism / multilingualism relating to stuttering and cultural sensitivity
- e) Ethics in research and management of stuttering

Recommended Reading

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SLP 204: Language Disorders in Children

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) know various theories and models of language acquisition in monolingual /bi/ multilingual children,
- b) describe developmental and acquired language disorders in children,
- c) discuss issues related to differential diagnosis and assessment of child language disorders,
- d) describe various management approaches for child language disorders, and
- e) critically evaluate research articles in the area of child language disorders

Unit 1: Theories of Language Acquisition

- a) Critically evaluate theories of language acquisition- biological maturation, linguistic, cognitive, information processing and social theory - implications of theories for assessment and intervention)
- b) Types of bi / multilinguals; Nature of bi/multilingualism in India;
- c) Language acquisition in bilingual / multilingual / atypical children
- d) Normal process of second language acquisition
- e) Variables in second language acquisition: cognitive-linguistic and affective

Unit 2: Classification of language abnormalities based on etiology

- a) Genetic and chromosomal abnormalities
- b) Motor and sensory deficits
- c) Language disorders associated with pre-maturity and or high risky infancy
- d) Prenatal exposure to alcohol and other drugs
- e) Intellectual disabilities
- f) Acquired language disorders: causes, incidence and prevalence of acquired language disorders globally and in India; defining characteristics - cognitive communication deficits
- g) Specific Language Impairment - causes, incidence and prevalence of primary language disorders/ specific globally and in India and defining characteristics, differential diagnosis - cognitive communication deficits

Unit 3 : Autism Spectrum Disorders / Pervasive Developmental Disorders

- a) Introduction and classification (ICD10; DSM V)
- b) Etiology, warning signs, defining characteristics, incidence and prevalence of Autism – national and international
- c) Symbolic abilities and social aspects of communication
- d) Language outcome in autism management – theoretical issues
- e) Theory of mind – second order representation
- g) Other diagnosis on the autism spectrum and associated disorders
- h) Assessment and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders- norm-referenced and criterion referenced tools; checklists and informal assessment tools used in India (ASIA, MISIC, INCELN tool etc.) and globally

- i) Prognosis and treatment – applied behavioral analysis, peer mediated interactions, floor time / developmental individual difference relationship based model, social-communication, emotional regulations abilities and transactional supports, responsive teaching, relationship development intervention, Hanen approach, Treatment And Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children, Picture exchange communication system, Com-DEAL and diet management.

Unit-4 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- a) Introduction and classification (ICD 10, DSM V)
- b) Causes, incidence and prevalence of ADHD globally and in India
- c) Characteristics of different types
- d) Relationship of ADHD to language and or learning disabilities
- e) ADHD and other labels, adolescents with ADHD
- f) Assessment and diagnosis of ADHD - norm-referenced and criterion referenced tools; checklists and informal assessment tools used in India and globally
- g) Treatment of ADHD- areas of treatment – communication deficits academic issues, memory deficits, behavioral, medical and social issues

Unit 5: General Consideration in the Assessment and Management of Child Language Disorders

- a) Critical review of developmental scales and norm-referenced tools for language development for Indian languages
- b) Differential diagnosis of child language disorders
- c) General principles and approaches to management in child language disorders.
- d) Evidence-Based Practice and Response-to-Intervention in child language disorders
- e) Team approach, guidance and counseling
- f) Presence of comorbid features like swallowing / apraxia etc. and their assessment
- g) Parent empowerment/ Parent implemented intervention for language delay/disorders
- h) Use of AAC in the management of child language disorders
- i) Rights of children with language disability

Recommended Reading

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SLP 205: Language and Literacy Disorders

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) explain the relationships among language, literacy, and cognition and specifically the role of oral language in acquisition of literacy skills,
- b) discuss the development and related disorders pertaining to language and literacy among children,
- c) discuss evidence based assessments of language and literacy skills, and
- d) plan evidence based intervention for children with a focus on oral language based interventions

Unit 1: Reading: Development and Relationship with Language

- a) Concepts related to reading and its acquisition – Decoding, reading accuracy, reading fluency, reading comprehension;
- b) Differences among writing systems for languages; Importance of phoneme-grapheme correspondence for reading
- c) Foundations for development of reading in languages with different writing systems (Phonological processing, phonological awareness, orthographic skills, visual processing skills, oral language skills);
- a) Role of oral language in the acquisition of literacy – Aspects of oral language contributing to decoding (e.g., vocabulary and morphosyntax) and reading comprehension (e.g., syntax, syntactic awareness etc.) and spelling (e.g., morphological awareness)
- b) Stages of reading and writing development – emergent literacy to proficient reading comprehension; Models of reading development in English /alphabetic script and other writing systems.

Unit 2: Disorders Related Language and Literacy

- a) Definition and differences among underachievement in school, learning disability, reading disability, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, language learning disability, language impairment/ specific language impairment; DSM V and ICD 10 classifications; challenges in use of classifications.
- b) Linguistic characteristics of students with reading/language/learning disabilities
- c) Issues related to co-morbidity and overlap among phonological disorders, specific language disorders, reading disability and auditory processing disorders with relation to development of reading
- d) Genetics of literacy disorders (family risk, molecular genetics etc.).

Unit 3: Assessment

- a) Screening of children for language disorders in schools; Standardized tests to assess language and (English and other languages) in children 5-18 years
- b) Other forms of assessments to identify children with language/learning disabilities - Criterion referenced assessments, language sampling, portfolio, dynamic assessment, curriculum-based assessment etc.
- c) Specific assessment tools for learning disability in India (e.g., NIMHANS battery, Dyslexia Assessment for Languages in India and other published tests)

- d) Normal assessment of different domains – Tasks and stimuli in specific languages for phonological awareness, orthographic skills, phonological processing, oral language skills etc.
- e) Brief overview of assessment of associated areas (auditory processing, visual processing, memory etc.)

Unit 4: Evidence based Intervention for Literacy Development

- a) Intervention approaches to promote emergent literacy
- b) Intervention approaches to promote decoding and early reading skills
- c) Intervention approaches to promote development of reading comprehension
- d) Intervention approaches to promote spelling and written language output
- e) Research on cross-linguistics issues in intervention; intervention for children with Bilingual / multilingual background and reading intervention

Unit 5: Issues related to Service Delivery and Related Laws/Policies

- a) Modes of service delivery for school-aged children (clinical, consultative, collaborative, language-based classroom, peer-mediated)
- b) Team members working children with literacy disorders; Response to Intervention– tiers and their role in instruction for poor readers; role of SLP in Response to Intervention
- c) Acts, regulations and policies relevant to education and children with special needs in India (e.g., Right to Education Act, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, regulations related to language exemption in examination, National Open School system).
- d) Dyslexia associations/groups in India

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SLP 106 and SLP 206: Clinical Practicum

Know how

- a) Perform acoustic analysis of speech including FFT, LPC, cepstrum and inverse filtering; acoustic analysis of vowels, diphthongs, plosives, nasals, fricatives, Affricates and other speech sounds using spectrograms on PRAAT
- b) Vowel synthesis using parametric and analysis by synthesis; demonstration of articulatory synthesis
- c) Observation of stroboscopic evaluation of persons with voice disorders as part of team assessment
- d) Observation of endoscopic examination of persons with cleft lip and palate as part of team assessment
- e) Differential diagnosis of conditions relevant to speech and hearing as per DSM-V and ICD 10 classifications

Demonstrate

- a) Measurement of aerodynamic parameters using spirometer and instrumentation for aerodynamic analysis
- b) Record language samples of 5 typically developing children and 5 children with language disorders, transcribe the samples using International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and perform analysis of language in terms of different components of language
- c) Carry out and interpret the acoustic measures of voice on two recorded samples and correlate with the perceptual analysis
- d) Complete perceptual analysis of speech samples of persons with CLP.
- e) Demonstration of therapy techniques for disorders of speech sound, voice, and fluency.
- f) Practice and learn to use the strategies of direct selection, scanning, encoding and word prediction in a communication board/book or aided AAC system in simulated situation
- g) Practice and learn to use finger spelling and signs for functional vocabulary
- h) Learn to operate AAC devices, aids and software

Do

- a) Complete evaluation, write detailed evaluation report, counsel persons with communication disorder and their families as required for the following:
 - 1) five children with language disorders using appropriate tests/protocols: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), cognitive impairment and global developmental delay.
 - 2) five persons with stuttering using standardized tests (SSI, SPI etc.), including assessment of rate of speech, type, percent of dysfluencies, and quality of life measures.
 - 3) five persons with voice disorders including perceptual assessment using different scales, acoustic analysis of voice and patient reported outcome measurement.
 - 4) five children with speech sound disorders – record and transcribe speech samples (word and connected speech), carry out error analysis – pattern analysis, calculate percentage consonant correct, mean length of utterance.
- b) Plan and carry out appropriate intervention program for children and adults with voice and fluency disorders, children with language disorders and children with speech sound disorders.
- c) Plan and carry out intervention program for a child with language disorder using AAC

Semester III

SLP 301 Neurogenic Speech Disorders

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) describe the neuroanatomical bases of speech motor control,
- b) explain the models relevant to speech motor control, and
- c) know the methods for assessment and management of neuro motor speech disorders.

Unit 1: Neuroanatomical and Physiological Substrates of Speech Motor Control

- a) Review of neuroanatomical substrates of speech motor control- motor and sensory cortex, subcortical, cerebellar and brain stem structures and their pathways; cranial nerves and peripheral nervous system, types of mechanoreceptors and their topography in speech
- b) Early models of speech motor control: Closed Loop, Open Loop, Associative Chain and Serial Order Model, Schema Theory, Task Dynamic Model, Mackay's Model, Gracco's Model,
- C) Recent Models of Speech Motor Control: DIVA Model
- d) Other speech control models related to development of speech motor control in children
- e) Age related changes in speech motor control

Unit 2: Assessment and Management of Dysarthria in Adults

- a) Perceptual methods: Rating scales and tests for speech parameters, prosody, speech intelligibility, comprehensibility and naturalness.
- b) Recent advances in use of aerodynamic and acoustic analysis of speech among persons with dysarthria
- c) Other physiological analyses of speech subsystems in persons with dysarthria
- d) Behavioural approaches for treatment of speech subsystems affected in persons with dysarthria
- e) Evidence based practice guidelines for management of dysarthria in adults

Unit 3: Assessment and Management of Dysarthria in Children

- a) Behavioral approaches to correct posture, tone, and strength and sensori-motor treatment techniques
- b) Specific behavioral approaches in developmental dysarthria: McDonald's Approach and Hardy's Approach
- c) Application of facilitatory approaches (neurodevelopmental approach and methods for reflex inhibition) in the management of developmental dysarthria's– evidence base for facilitatory approaches

Unit 4: Assessment and Management of Apraxia of Speech (AOS) in Adults

- a) Assessment for suspected apraxia of speech, apraxia of speech and non-speech apraxia: Perceptual assessment protocols; physiological assessment of speech in adults with AOS
- b) Intervention methods for non-verbal apraxia's

- c) Intervention for AOS in adults: specific, programmed and nonspecific approaches – Evidence based practice
- d) Motor learning principles – applications in intervention of AOS

Unit 5: Assessment and Management of Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)

- a) Current status of nature of CAS as primary disorder and CAS as co-morbid condition in other neurodevelopmental disorders
- b) Assessment protocols for CAS and differential diagnosis from other speech sound disorders
- c) Intervention approaches for CAS – Evidence based practice
- d) Motor learning principles – applications in intervention of CAS

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SLP 302: Dysphagia

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, students shall be able to

- a) understand the neuroanatomical and neurophysiological bases of normal and abnormal swallowing in children and adults,
- b) appreciate the varying roles and responsibilities of a SLP in a interdisciplinary team to assess and treat swallowing disorders across the lifespan (neonates, infants, children, adults and geriatrics),
- c) appraise different service delivery models, and
- d) understand ethical, cultural and professional considerations in the management of dysphagia.

Unit 1: Neuroanatomical and Neurophysiological Bases of Swallowing

- a) Structures involved in three phases of swallow and peripheral nervous system control of mastication and swallowing (anatomy & physiology of three phases & cranial nerve innervation)
- b) Central nervous system control for mastication and swallowing
- c) Etiologies for dysphagia in adults (structural anomalies, neurological conditions, mechanical & motility)
- d) Age-related changes in eating & swallowing.

Unit 2: Assessment of Swallowing and its Disorders

- a) Clinical assessment of swallowing: Clinical bedside evaluation, various published protocols for clinical examination, cervical auscultation for clinical examination
- b) Visual examination of swallowing and its disorders: modified barium swallow/video fluroscopic study of swallow, flexible endoscopic examination of swallowing – team for conducting assessment, procedure and interpretation
- c) Other instrumental evaluation (e.g., X Ray, Scintigraphy, Manometry, Transnasal esophagoscopy, acoustic analysis of swallowing)
- d) Self-report questionnaires and quality of life assessment for dysphagia
- e) Differential diagnosis - oral vs. pharyngeal dysphagia, prognostic variables and recommendations for oral/non-oral options for nutritional intake/ management.

Unit 3: Management of Dysphagia in Adults

- a) Behavioral management - Compensatory and facilitatory strategies in detail
- b) Other behavioral management strategies (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation)
- c) Pharmacological and surgical management of dysphagia
- d) Specific management strategies for mechanical causes of dysphagia (tracheostomy, glossectomy, mandibulectomy, oral/ pharyngeal cancer, trismus etc.)
- e) Evidence Based Practice (EBP) - levels of evidence, strengths and weaknesses, evidence base for various management approaches, evaluation of patient progress and treatment efficacy - when to continue treatment, when to terminate and when referrals are appropriate)

Unit 4: Pediatric Dysphagia

- a) Anatomical differences in neonatal and pediatric upper aero digestive tract with reference to adults, Oral-motor and swallow development of infants and children
- b) Clinical manifestations of feeding and swallowing difficulties in children
- c) Motor and sensory issues in feeding/ swallowing among developmental conditions- Sensory based feeding disorders and special populations
- d) Specific considerations for clinical and instrumental evaluation of swallowing in children
- e) Direct and indirect strategies to facilitate safe swallow in children (including motor and sensory issues)
- f) SLP in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Etiology of feeding delay/disorders in neonates; assessment of primitive reflexes, suck-swallow coordination among neonates, management of feeding delay/disorders in neonates

Unit 5: Service Delivery and Other Issues Related to Management

- a) Scope of practice in the area of dysphagia: training in endoscopy, documentation, tele-practice
- b) Trends across the world and in India: Review of practice guidelines, technical reports, position statements, knowledge & skills document relevant to dysphagia in India and other countries - issues in adopting and implementing the same in India.
- c) Dysphagia clinics: SLP led clinics vs. SLP in a medical team, space and other infrastructural requirements within hospital setup, private clinics, schools and other centers.
- d) Esophageal dysphagia – etiologies, symptoms, differential diagnosis and role of SLP in management.
- e) Ethical and cultural considerations in dysphagia management

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SLP 303: Aphasia

Hours - 60 : Marks - 100

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) describe the history and classification systems in aphasias,
- b) acquire skills in understanding the linguistic and non-linguistic impairments in aphasias,
- c) acquire skills in differential diagnosis and assessment of different types of aphasias,
- d) acquire skills in management of persons with aphasia, and
- e) Critically analyze scientific articles related to aphasia.

Unit 1: Aphasia: Neuroanatomical Basis and Impairments

- a) Neuroanatomical basis of major types of aphasias, key brain regions, aphasia case studies - Lesion-deficit relationships, different types of agnosia's.
- b) Classification of aphasic syndromes
- b) Phonological aspects of aphasia: sound structure of language: A theoretical framework; speech production; speech perception
- c) Lexical deficits in aphasia: functional architecture of the lexical system; aspects of the internal structure of the functional components
- d) Syntactic deficits in aphasia: sentence production; conceptions of normal production; models to understand syntactic deficits in aphasia; sentence comprehension: a framework for normal comprehension, sentence comprehension Impairment in Aphasia

Unit 2: Assessment in Aphasia

- a) Formal and informal assessment tools both Indian and western their logic, purpose, test constructs, rationale, scoring, procedures and interpretation. Do's and don'ts in assessment procedures
- b) Methods for studying language and the brain- neuroimaging and cortical potentials electroencephalography, magnetoencephalography, positron emission tomography, functional magnetic resonance imaging, N400 and T-complex
- d) Differential diagnosis of different types of aphasia

Unit-3 Spontaneous recovery in Aphasia

- a) Anagraphical, neurological and Speech Language therapy and recovery
- b) Plasticity and recovery in aphasia: concepts of plasticity and recovery
- c) Prognostic factors; bio-chemical and physiologic mechanisms of recovery
- d) Structural mechanisms; behavioral mechanisms and language recovery in brain
- e) Link between plasticity, behavior and therapy; re-conceptualizing aphasia and aphasia therapy
- f) Recovery pattern in monolingual, bi/multilingual aphasia

Unit 4 : Disorders of Reading and Writing in Aphasia and Aphasia in Varied Population

- a) Introduction to acquired disorders of reading: dual route models; connectionist models
- b) Acquired alexia; assessment and intervention of acquired reading disorders
- c) Written language and its impairments: classification of written language disorders
- d) Neuroanatomical substrates of writing

- e) Assessment of writing disorders and intervention approaches to writing disorders
- f) Aphasia in bilinguals/multilingual population- definition and features
- g) Aphasia in illiterates, left handers and sign language users- definition and features

Unit 5: Management of Persons with Aphasia

- a) Introduction to language intervention strategies in adult aphasia
- b) Psychosocial/functional, traditional, specialized, life participation approach to aphasia, social approaches to aphasia, quality of life approach to aphasia, team and partnerships in aphasia intervention, treatment manuals in Indian context.
- c) Computer applications in the treatment of aphasia, tele-rehabilitation and constant therapy
- d) Treatment of swallowing, use of AAC in aphasia
- f) Medical aspects of rehabilitation and rights of persons with aphasia

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SLP 304: Cognitive-Communication Disorders

Marks - 100: Hours - 60

Objectives: At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- a) describe various conditions in adults leading to cognitive communication disorders,
- b) acquire skills in issues related to assessment of cognitive communication disorders,
- c) acquire skills in management of cognitive communication disorders, and
- d) Critically evaluate research articles related to cognitive communication disorders.

Unit 1: An Overview of Cognitive Communication Disorders - Aphasia Related, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Right Hemisphere Damage (RHD)

- a) Cognition- description of cognitive processes, mapping, mechanisms, concept, schema and properties
- b) Models of memory, cognitive-linguistics processes
- c) Cognitive communication disorders associated with TBI, disability following TBI- WHO-ICF classification, assessment and principles of cognitive rehabilitation of TBI
- e) Nature, assessment and management of various cognitive communication deficits in RHD

Unit 2: Dementia and Related Cognitive Disorders

- a) Neuropathology in Alzheimer's Disease (AD), evaluation and intervention of cognitive communication disorders in AD and other dementias
- b) Cognitive communicative aspects in primary progressive aphasia (PPA), evaluation and Management of PPA
- c) Role of speech-language pathologist working with persons with dementia

Unit 3: Alcohol Induced Language Disorders and Metabolic Disorders of Language

- a) Cognitive communication deficits in alcohol induced and metabolic language disorders
- c) Assessment and management of body structure and function: quantifying and qualifying cognitive communication disorders of alcohol induced and metabolic disorders
- d) Assessment of swallowing in persons with cognitive communication disorders
- e) Differential diagnosis of cognitive communication disorders in adults

Unit 4: Physiology, Pathology and Cognitive Communication Changes in young ageing with Aging

- a) Theories aging, and age related changes of the organ system, and cognition
- b) Psychological- death and bereavement, personality development and quality of life
- c) Physical changes and performance- range of motion, strength, endurance praxis, performance work
- d) Aging speech- voice, resonance and articulation and swallowing
- e) Language and cognitive aging: primary, secondary and tertiary aging factors

Unit 5: Ethno-Cultural Dynamics in Cognitive Communication Disorders and Cognitive Communication Approaches.

- a) Language as socio-cultural phenomena in aging
- b) Role of supportive relationships in cognitive communication disorders
- c) Cognitive communication approaches in rehabilitation
- d) Role of AAC in the intervention of cognitive communication disorders
- e) Team and partnerships in cognitive communication disorders
- f) Rights of persons with cognitive communication disorders

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Semester IV

SLP 401: Speech-Language Pathology in Practice

Marks - 100: Hours - 60

Objectives: At the end of the course, the students should be able

- a) know the role of an speech-language pathologist in different set-ups.
- b) liaise with other professionals in setting-up an speech-language clinic.
- c) audit speech-language practices in existing set-ups.
- d) implement acts and legislations relating to persons with speech-language impairment,
- e) advise Governments and other agencies on the formulation of policies and legislative acts relating to speech-language disability
- f) understand the legal implications of practice in speech-language pathology.

Unit 1: Scope of Practice, Laws, Regulations and Professional Ethics

- a) Scope of practice in global and Indian scenario
- b) Professional ethics -
- c) Existing acts, legislations, policies related to persons with communication impairment
- d) Role of speech-language pathologists in the formulation of acts, regulations and policies
- e) Implementation of acts, legislations, policies and welfare measures relating to persons with speech-language impairment
- f) Advocacy groups, NGOs
- g) Rights of citizens
- h) National and international standards related to Speech-language pathology

Unit 2: Specialized Programs in Speech-language Pathology

- a) Need for specialized programs in Speech-language pathology: Geriatric and persons with multiple handicaps
- b) Other specializations (medical speech language pathology, forensic speech science)
- b) Health, wellness, and health care - Health promotion and disease prevention, quality of life and healthcare finances
- c) Disability-friendly environment including public education
- e) Culture and religion sensitive practice in speech-language practice
- e) Multilingual and multicultural sensitivity in therapeutics and management
- f) Prevention and early identification programs including societal participation

Unit 3: Service Delivery Models in Speech-language Pathology

- a) Services in different medical / rehabilitation/ research /educational set ups
- b) School based services pertaining to regular and special schools
- c) Community based practice in rural and urban areas
- d) Family empowerment programs
- e) Home based delivery of services
- f) Autonomous practice in speech-language pathology
- g) Services for other groups of professionals (professional voice users)

Unit 4: Tele-practice in Speech-language Pathology

- a) Information and communication technology in speech-language pathology practice

- b) Infrastructure for video-conferencing and tele-practice in Speech-language Pathology
- c) Techniques/principles of remote testing for screening and diagnostic assessment for speech-language, intervention and counseling
- d) Challenges and limitations of tele-practice in Speech-language Pathology in screening, assessment and evaluation, selection of aids and appliances, therapeutics and counseling.

Unit 5: Issues in Speech-Language Pathology Practice

- a) Entrepreneurship and planning to set up private practice/clinic for speech-language pathology practice: Clinical ethics
- b) Documentation in speech-language pathology practice: clinical / demographic data, database management and storage
- c) ICF framework for documentation / reports
- d) Quality control and auditing in speech-language pathology practice
- e) Documenting and implementing evidence based practice in speech-language pathology
- f) Understanding team approach: Work in cohesion with other professionals
- g) Information resources in speech-language pathology including books and journals, both electronic and print - Databases - Evidence based practice: Changed scenario

Recommended Reading

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SLP305 and SLP 403: Clinical Practicum

Knowhow

- a) Observation of modified barium swallow and/or flexible endoscopic examination of swallowing as part of team assessment
- b) Observe and identify reports of persons with neurogenic communication disorders in tests such as EEG, CT Scan, MRI etc.
- c) Reversible and irreversible conditions that cause neurogenic communication disorders.
- d) Certification procedures
- e) Rights and privileges of persons with communication disorder
- f) Ethics in clinical practices

Demonstrate

- a) Perform assessment on typically developing child using assessment protocols for learning disability
- b) Demonstrate process of differential diagnosis for persons with adult language and cognitive communication disorders.
- c) Use of AAC for adults with communication disorders (e.g., alphabet supplementation board, software applications)
- d) Perform assessment of phonological awareness, visuospatial skills, orthographic skills on typically developing children.

Do

- a) Complete evaluation, write detailed evaluation report, counsel persons with communication disorder and their families as required for the following:
 - 1) Three persons with aphasia using appropriate screening, diagnostic (WAB/ BDAE etc.) and performance tool
 - 2) Bed side screening for five adults with communication disorders.
 - 3) Three persons with adult cognition communication disorders using appropriate screening (ACE/MMSE/CLQT etc.), diagnostic (ABCD/CLAP etc.) and performance tool
 - 4) Three persons with motor speech disorders including perceptual evaluation of speech subsystems, speech intelligibility assessment, instrumental assessments for respiration or phonology and quality of life assessment
 - 5) Clinical swallow examination for five persons with concerns in swallowing
 - 6) Three children at risk for language learning disability
- b) Plan and carry out intervention program for adults with neurogenic speech disorders, aphasia, cognitive communication disorders and dysphagia
- c) Prepare a report for persons with communication disorders for medico-legal purposes.