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Cultural Sensitivity in Academic and Clinical Training Programs

This webinar addresses cultural sensitivity in CSD programs, considering the knowledge, actions, and values needed to support communication as a human right for all in our programs, communities, and population. Attendees will learn about different frameworks pertaining to cultural sensitivity in CSD programs, as well as approaches to effecting change to advance the quality of our academic and clinical training. Next, attendees will learn about considerations in supporting cultural sensitivity within CSD programs, including effective strategies, priorities for creating healthy environments, reciprocal learning, and resources. Last, the session closes with reflections on the many diverse perspectives involved in implementation of strategies to promote cultural sensitivity within CSD programs, offering resources for learning.

Learning Objectives:

- Compare and contrast frameworks pertaining to cultural sensitivity.
- Describe top-down and bottom-up approaches to promote cultural sensitivity in CSD programs.
- Summarize program considerations in preparing students to support communication as a human right for all.

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Utilizing Clinical Research to Empower and Advance the Professions of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

While most professionals value evidence-based practice, achieving this goal poses significant challenges. Both researchers and clinicians play vital roles in advancing current practice; however, a research-practice gap exists with practitioners often struggling to integrate academically obtained knowledge into real-world clinical practice. To close the gap, programs can develop processes that intentionally impact how clinicians relate to research. Our department implements strategies to facilitate integration of research and clinical practice, such as requiring mentored research experiences and incorporating research into clinical training so that students simultaneously gain knowledge/skills in clinical practice and research application. Altering students' view of research today may foster opportunities for innovative and collaborative research partnerships with tomorrow's practicing clinicians. We want to share our experiences to facilitate exploration and implementation with others.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the challenges and significance of integrating research and clinical training.
- Discuss possible solutions to logistical issues related to integrating research and clinical training based the presenters' experiences.
- Identify opportunities and explore strategies for integration of research and clinical practice in your workplace.

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A New Idea for Academic Metrics: Implications for Equity in Graduate Admissions

This session qualifies for ASHA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education, Training, Service Delivery, Public Policy requirement.

Programs must ensure students are prepared for graduate coursework; traditionally measured by GPA and standardized tests. In an effort to increase access and provide equity, many graduate programs eliminated the GRE, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving admissions committees only two metrics to determine academic ability: overall GPA and major GPA. However, those metrics may not tell the entire story of an applicant's preparedness.

This session will explore how GPA growth or decline over time may help to highlight the non-cognitive variables embedded within GPA and how this might be used to create a more equitable admissions process (Sedlacek, 2017).

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the need to rethink how academic metrics are used in graduate admissions in order to increase access for underrepresented students.
- Determine if a new GPA calculation (a difference score) may benefit their programs' mission, vision and admissions goals.
- Discover how the GPA difference score compared to outcome measures in a graduate program, and analyze whether this might be a consideration for their program.

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Enhancing Clinical Competencies: Creative Models for SLP and AUD Education

This session delves into innovative approaches to elevate clinical competencies for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, rooted in evidence-based practices while embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion opportunities.

The presentation will include the effective use of contemporary educational approaches such as standardized patient simulations, instrumentation labs, and telepractice courses to enhance IPE experiences, including the use of interpreters to work with clients in Africa and Colombia. Standardized patient simulations provided space for IPE opportunities, allowing students to understand better team members' roles and responsibilities in the provision of holistic management of patients' needs to serve historically underserved groups and communities better.

Examples of students' gains related to IPE and DEI will be provided to showcase the approaches' effectiveness in supporting clinical skills acquisition while promoting culturally responsive practices.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the principles and benefits of standardized patient simulations in SLP and AUD education.
- Outline the potential of global telepractice collaborations to enhance students' cross-cultural competencies and clinical skills.
- Apply evidence-based strategies for integrating graduate SLP/AUD students into clinical settings, improving their readiness for professional practice.

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"Jazz Up" Graduate Education: Active Learning Strategies to Engage and Motivate Students

Entry-level speech-language pathologists and audiologists must demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attributes that adequately prepare them for success in a clinical setting. Living in an ever-changing, expanding clinical profession, programs cannot provide students with exposure to every clinical experience/population. Thus, it is imperative that programs motivate students to be curious learners and critical thinkers. Embedding active learning as a pedagogical approach facilitates student motivation and engagement and prepares them for clinical practice from both a bottom-up and top-down perspective. In this presentation, we will discuss how active learning improves student outcomes, including knowledge retention, deeper understanding, and self-directed learning. We will provide examples of active learning techniques across various levels of complexity that SLP and audiology training programs can immediately embed in their courses/curriculum.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain active learning and how it differs from traditional pedagogical approaches to higher education.
- Discuss the benefits of active learning on graduate students' clinical preparedness.
- Implement immediately various active learning techniques spanning lower, medium, and higher complexity techniques in their courses.

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