

Instructions for Acquiring and Recording 25 Observation Hours SLPA and Pre-Master's Programs

1. Find an ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) certified speech-language pathologist (SLP). (You'll know the SLP is certified by CCC - Certificate of Clinical Competence, after their name.)
2. Ask permission to observe for a pre-determined amount of time. You need to fulfill 25 hours in total. Please consider that the more SLPs you observe in different settings and with different age levels, the more diverse your knowledge becomes. Observe both treatment sessions and evaluations (diagnostics) again to provide diversity of knowledge.
3. Politely request 5-10 minutes after the client has departed to discuss your observations and ask pertinent questions of the SLP. This is an opportunity that may not present often in your career, so take advantage.
4. Once you've completed the observation, request that the SLP sign your observation log and include their ASHA certification number. This information is a requirement in order to receive credit for the time.
5. Jot down pertinent notes keeping an informal journal for your final project for the SLPA program – your portfolio.
6. Finally, before handing in the completed form to either the SLPA Program Director or to graduate school, be sure to complete the Advisor line at the top of the form. Your advisor would be the SLPA Program Director.

Key Points to Remember:

- ❖ **Complete 25 hours and get the signature of the SLP you've observed.**

- ❖ **Complete these observation hours *BEFORE* you start your clinical practicum hours (*SLPA program*). For those students hoping to enter *graduate school*, complete these 25 hours before applying to school.**

IMPORTANT:

At all times, present yourself in a professional manner:

- *Be respectful.*
- *Arrive on time, if not a few minutes prior to the scheduled meeting.*
- *Adhere to the schedule.*
- *Dress appropriately for the situation.*
- *Always respect confidentiality for the clients and families.*
- *Relax, have fun with the students, and show confidence. You're a student hungry for knowledge.*