EXPECTATIONS: CLINICAL EDUCATORS' EXPERIENCE WITH SLP GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Learning Objectives:

- After attending this session, the participants will be able to describe the key components of the supervisory working alliance (SWA) in clinical education.
- After attending this session, the participants will be able to examine the interrelationship between expectation development, communication practices, setting, and supervisor/student experience.
- After attending this session, identify common performance expectations set by clinical educators for SLP graduate students.





In recognizing the importance of the supervisory working alliance in contributing to a positive clinical experience, this research aims to understand the clinical educator's experience of establishing goals and expectations with novice graduate student clinicians. Specifically in investigating, 1) what are the goals and performance expectations of clinical educators (CEs) for graduate students in clinical placements, 2) how are performance expectations established and communicated to novice clinicians, and 3) what relationship exists between development of expectations, communication of expectations and other supervisor experience. Preliminary findings following 14 semi-structured interviews with clinical educators, suggest that although expectations are consistently addressed, students encounter variability in expectations across academic, professional, and clinical domains. The results of this study inform the best practices in clinical education across settings.

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