



MedStar Health

## National Rehabilitation Hospital Speech Language Pathology Student Program Requirements

The inpatient speech-language pathology program at MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C. offers a comprehensive range of inpatient rehabilitative services for pediatric and adult patients with communication or swallowing disorders resulting from stroke, brain injury, or other neurologic conditions. At the heart of our department's approach is a commitment to personalized evaluation and treatment for each patient. Graduate student clinicians will gain knowledge and experience related to diagnostics, individual and group treatments settings, modified barium swallow studies, and multidisciplinary team conferences and collaboration. Additionally, opportunities for community outings, family conferences, and lecture sessions may be available throughout the semester. All graduate students are provided with direct supervision from a licensed SLP. Our clinical instructors have a minimum of two years of clinical experience following their clinical fellowship.

Through our application and interview process, we select graduate student clinicians equipped with a strong foundational knowledge, interest in working with adults with complex communication and/or swallowing needs, excellent communication skills, flexibility, and professionalism.

- Timeline of application process:
  - o Fall placement: Deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - o Spring placement: Deadline August 15<sup>th</sup>
  - o Summer placement (minimum 10 weeks): Deadline February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Clinical placements at MedStar Health require an Education Affiliation Agreement between the academic institution and MedStar Health
- Opportunities for students to shadow an SLP are also available on request

### Student Requirements:

- Schedule: commitment to 4 full days per week on-site
- Participation in in-service programs, staff meetings, interdisciplinary team conferences
- End-of-placement case study presentation

### Potential candidates would have:

- Completed coursework in adult neurogenic communication disorders
- Maintained a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Expressed a strong interest in medical speech-language pathology

Students or coordinators seeking placement opportunities may contact inpatient SLP student training program coordinator, Bethany Rajaratnam, for more information.

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Application:

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