Speech-Language Specialty Clinics

Clinics are offered by the Central Michigan University Department of Communication Disorders to provide an enriched environment for graduate clinical training.

The Summer Speech-Language Specialty Clinics provide:

- **Proficiency training**
  - The needs of each child are met through programs developed by student clinicians under the direct supervision of certified speech-language pathologists.

- **Therapy**
  - Participants receive daily therapy services through a combination of large and small groups. Our program is not designed to support individuals requiring a one-on-one learning environment. Therapeutic teams use a variety of activities and facilities on campus to offer a wide array of enjoyable communication and learning experiences. All participants, including preschoolers, are actively involved in two-and-a-half-hour group therapy sessions. A five-hour experience is available for children ages 7 to 14.

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Participation is open to children and adolescents with all types of communication challenges.

- **Age and qualifications**
  - Participants range in age from 3 through 14 years and they must be able to take part in small- and large-group activities with others of the same age.

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- **Behavior expectations**
  - Learning is addressed through consistent positive reinforcement of acceptable conduct and steadfast adherence to clinic rules. Participants demonstrating behaviors harmful to themselves or others or whose needs cannot be met within a group setting will not be considered for SSC. Clients may be admitted on a trial basis. Dismissal from SSC will be recommended if SSC cannot meet the needs of the child. If the participant has attended fewer than three weeks of the program, a prorated tuition refund will be provided.

**Enrollment application**

The following information is needed to begin the enrollment process. Although a guaranteed source of funding is required before your child may attend the specialty clinics, it is not necessary prior to returning this application.

Your child will be scheduled for an on-campus evaluation at CMU upon receipt of this application. Please return this application immediately to begin the process.

Funding assistance is available through a number of sources. A list of past funding sources and a sample letter will be included in the packet you receive from CMU once your application has been received. Payment plan forms are also included in the packet for your information.

Detach and mail this application to:

MaryBeth Smith
Director, Summer Speech-Language Specialty Clinics
Health Professions Building 2189
Central Michigan University
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859
989-774-2877

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Clinic staff

Qualified clinic staff members work with all participants, engaging them in learning. Staff members include:

- Certified speech-language pathologists – American Speech-Language Hearing Association certified speech-language pathologists directly supervise student clinicians to offer participants comprehensive group programs.
- Student clinicians – Summer Speech-Language Specialty Clinics’ student clinicians are highly qualified upper-level graduate and undergraduate students preparing for a career in speech-language pathology or audiology.
- Ancillary staff – Staff members provide recreational, arts/crafts, drama, music, yoga and sign language opportunities for our full-time participants, as well as being support team for Friday “specials.”
- Administrative staff – clinic administrative staff members are available to provide important support services during the clinics.

Daily schedule

Each participant is placed with a group best suited for his/her clinical needs. Determination of each child’s final group placement and session is based on program availability and is made after all enrollment requests have been received.

- Half-day clinical sessions for ages 3 to 14
  Morning sessions: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
  Afternoon sessions: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Full-day clinical sessions for ages 7 to 14
  9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Sessions include daily recreational activities and therapy. Each participant must bring a packed lunch.)

Costs and tuition

Half-day tuition is $700. Full-day tuition is $1,400. Families often obtain financial assistance from state agencies or community service clubs. Early personal contact with these groups is strongly recommended. A list of resources will be mailed upon receipt of completed application.

- Final enrollment acceptance – Before final acceptance, Summer Speech-Language Specialty Clinics must receive either written authorization to bill an agency or a check that will cover the cost of tuition.
- Advance payment – Advance payment plans are available. Early requests for this option are suggested. Feel free to contact Sheryl Sias, billing contact, at 989-774-2597 or sias1sa@cmich.edu with any questions you have.
- Family housing – Limited housing on campus is available at an additional cost for out-of-town families interested in accompanying their children to the clinics. Housing scholarships may be available.

Applications

Applications for the Summer Speech-Language Specialty Clinics are due by April 1, 2016. Consideration may be given to applications received after that date on a space-available basis.

Pre-clinic evaluations to determine communication status and therapy goals for each accepted applicant will be conducted at Central Michigan University through June 17.

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Summer specialty clinics facts

- Location – Carls Center for Clinical Care and Education located in CMU’s Health Professions Building.
- Age range – 3 through 14 years.
- Tuition and fees – For all participants, half-day tuition is $700 and full-day tuition is $1,400.
- Evaluations – Evaluations will be conducted in the Carl’s Center to determine if the program is suitable for each child.
- Clinics begin – Wednesday, June 29 for all participants. All participants must be checked in on the first day to ensure enrollment is complete.
- Independence holiday – No clinics will be held on Monday, July 4.
- Final clinic day/conferences – Conferences for each participant will be August 1 & 2 to review progress and recommendations.

Enrollment application

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Name of Applicant

Birth Date      Age

Sex

- Male
- Female

Email address

Street Address

City     State  Zip Code

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Home Phone    Business/Cell Phone

Has applicant attended this summer program before?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please list dates:

Grade

- Special Education Services

Has applicant ever attended a CMU speech-language or hearing clinic?

- Yes
- No

Is applicant enrolled in speech-language therapy in school?

- Yes
- No

Please send us funding information for a demonstrated financial need.

Communication limitations - Please describe your child’s speech and language disorder:

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