COURSE SYLLABUS
Spring 2013

CSD 780: Independent Study

Topic: Tinnitus Evaluation and Management
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I. Course Description

CSD 780 provides one-on-one instruction for doctoral-level students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The topic chosen for this independent study was tinnitus evaluation and management. The student will draw upon her experience working with patients with severe, chronic tinnitus to assist with completion of her capstone project.

II. Student Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Complete a tinnitus evaluation independently and interpret the results.

B. Counsel the patient on findings, impressions, and appropriate recommendations.

C. Implement tinnitus management approaches that utilize directive counseling and sound therapy devices.

D. Identify considerations for implementation of a tinnitus management program within a private practice setting.

III. Course Materials


Other readings as assigned by the instructor.

IV. Course Requirements

A. Attend provider training for Neuromonics, SoundCure, and/or tinnitus management programs offered by other manufacturers.

B. Complete ten tinnitus evaluations at the UNCG Speech and Hearing Center.

C. Meet with the course instructor as appropriate to discuss cases and interpretation of results.

D. Counsel patients appropriately regarding test findings and recommended treatment.

E. Fit sound therapy devices and provide follow-up services as needed.

F. Summarize findings of student’s capstone project for submission as an article in the Communique, a quarterly newsletter of the North Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association.

G. Adhere to HIPPA Regulations, the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy (http://saf.dept.uncg.edu/studiscp/Honor.html), and the UNCG Speech and Hearing Center Policies and Procedures Manual.

V. Evaluation Methods

Students will be given a grade of A, B, C, D, or F after completing all course requirements.

VI. Agreement

The student and instructor agree to the terms of this syllabus for receipt of academic credit for this course.

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