



## Speech Language Pathology-Assistants Guide to Finding a Supervisor

Question	Answer
<b>Is the student required to find their own supervisor and clinical placement?</b>	<b>Yes</b> Prior to applying to the program, the student must find their own supervisor and a clinical placement.
<b>Does the supervisor and clinical placement have to be in the state of California?</b>	<b>Yes</b> The supervisor and clinical placement must be in the state of California.
<b>Does the supervisor and clinical placement need to be approved?</b>	<b>Yes</b> The student must receive approval of their supervisor and clinical placement from CSUSM's Department of SLP prior to admission to the SLPA program. If the student's clinical supervisor decides to no longer supervise, the student is responsible for finding a new supervisor (who must be approved) prior to the first day of the program beginning. If the student does not have an approved supervisor they will be dropped from the program.
<b>Are there specific licensing and certification requirements that the supervisor must have?</b>	<b>Yes</b> The supervisor must hold <b>both</b> of the following for the entire duration of the clinical experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid CA SLP license. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verify your supervisor's CA state license here: <a href="https://search.dca.ca.gov/">https://search.dca.ca.gov/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCCs) from ASHA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verify your supervisor's CCCs here: <a href="https://apps.asha.org/eweb/ashadynamicpage.aspx?webcode=ccchome">https://apps.asha.org/eweb/ashadynamicpage.aspx?webcode=ccchome</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Are there other training requirements that the supervisor must meet?</b>	<b>Yes</b> According to CFCC and ASHA the supervisor must meet both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum of 2 years of practice experience post-certification</li> <li>• completion of at least 10 hours of continuing education in supervision</li> </ul>
<b>Is there a limit to the number of support personnel that the supervisor can supervise at one time?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The supervisor cannot supervise any more than 3 support personnel at one time. No more than 2 can hold the title of speech-language pathology assistant.</li> <li>• A "support personnel" designation includes speech-language pathology assistants and speech-language pathology aides.</li> <li>• If it is found that the supervising SLP is supervising more than 2 SLPAs or 3 total support personnel, the clinical experience will be considered invalid.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>What are the best ways to locate a supervisor and clinical placement?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you already have a relationship with an SLP, have a face-to-face discussion to ask them.</li> <li>• <b>Conduct a Google search and compile a list of potential clinical placements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The superintendent or director of special education at a local school district.</li> <li>○ The principal or school-based SLP at local preschools, elementary, middle or high schools.</li> <li>○ The SLP at a private school, charter school or other type of specialty school.</li> <li>○ The owner or director of local private practices working with children or adults.</li> <li>○ The rehab director at skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, or other outpatient settings.</li> <li>○ The owner or director of early intervention companies (e.g. Easter Seals, Sunny Days, MAAC Head Start, First 5 California, Regional Center, HOPE Program for Infants and Toddlers, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Once you have a list of possible clinical placements, call and/or e-mail them to ask if they have an ASHA certified and CA state licensed SLP that would be willing to supervise you for 120 hours.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Can CSUSM’s Department of SLP help you find a supervisor and clinical placement?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For CSUSM’s SLPA program, it is required that you find a supervisor and clinical placement on your own.</li> <li>• The supervisors and clinical placements we have are currently reserved for our M.S. in SLP students.</li> </ul>

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References:

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