

DATE: March 11, 2019

ATTENTION: Shelia Brothers

RE: Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) request for nonstandard course calendar

Sheila,

This memo is a request for a non-standard course calendar for CSD 659. This is a clinical education course that occurs in the Fall for our second-year graduate students. This clinical practicum is required by our accrediting agency, the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) through the American Speech and Hearing Association (<https://caa.asha.org/>).

The rationale for this request is that second year graduate students are unable to take additional time off because they will be on clinical rotations throughout the region and county. The reasons for this are twofold. First during these rotations, students are earning clinical hours toward certification and licensure. To curtail their ability to earn hours could jeopardize their ability to meet these requirements related to future employment. Second, the supervisors who have agreed to mentor our students while on clinical rotations are doing so without any compensation. In turn for mentoring students, they expect students to be present for the regular 40-hour work week over the 15 week time frame. Finally, the nonstandard calendar does not create an actual or potential violation of Senate Rules 5.2.2. and therefore appears to a reasonable alternative plan.

**Name of contact person for the proposal.** Anne Olson

**Course prefix and number.** CSD 659

**Proposed start and end date for the course.** Start date is usually the beginning of the Fall semester. The end date is the end of the fall semester (15 weeks) and usually falls the week before finals week.

**Whether the request for a nonstandard calendar is for one time only, or on a recurring basis.** This request is for a waiver on a recurring basis. CSD 659 is our clinical practicum course for our off campus clinical rotations that occur every Fall semester in the second year of the CSD professional program.

Thank you for considering this request.

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