

Alumni Survey 2009

Alumni were asked to complete a 6 – item questionnaire about their educational preparation from ECU. A rating of 5 indicated “Superior Training”; a rating of 4 indicated “Above Average”; a rating of 3 indicated “Adequate”; a rating of 2 indicated “Inadequate” ; and a rating of 1 indicated “Unacceptable”. The following are the questions and mean ratings based on 83 responses. We extend a special **“Thank You”** to former students who returned our survey.

Question	Mean rating
Diagnostic Skills – Ability to make appropriate diagnosis	4.25
Planning Skills – Ability to develop appropriate therapy goals	4.22
Treatment Skills – Ability to implement effective therapeutic intervention	4.17
Writing Skills – Ability to write professional reports	4.33
Counseling Skills – Ability to interact with clients/caregivers	4.19
Overall – How would you rate the academic and clinical preparation you received at ECU/CSDI?	4.25

Alumni were also asked to offer comments regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the program and to make any additional comments. The following are a select few of comments received.

Strengths: Diagnostics and overall knowledge of the field; clinic setting; direct supervision, various clinical experiences; tremendous number of clock hours; SHARE and student symposium were wonderful student experiences; clinical experiences; lots of supervisory feedback and guidance; caring faculty, variety of clinical experiences, emphasis on medical model of practice; very strong professors in all areas.

Weaknesses: Would have been helpful to see more video examples of good/ineffective treatments; course in multiculturalism and augmentative communication*; need more variety in clinic (exposure to apraxia); more instruction in pediatric swallowing disorders.

Additional comments: “Overall, I felt like I was prepared and the program was effective.” “I am very thankful for the preparation I received at ECU’s CSDI program. It prepared me for graduate school as well as for the field of speech-language pathology.”

*A course in Multicultural Communication Disorders was added to the CSDI curriculum. A course in Augmentative and Alternative Communication will be added to the Fall 2009 curriculum.

We appreciate hearing from our Alumni! Please keep in touch by sending an email to Dr. Allen at Allenro@ecu.edu and telling her where you live and work, as well as any special accomplishments.