



**Clinical Practicum (COSD 40300/50300/50350/40340/40350/60300)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD)
Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters**

Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential risks involved with a speech-language pathology/audiology/deaf & hard of hearing clinical/practicum involving regular engagement in on-site, in-person practicum activities in a clinical or school setting, COSD students who had intended to participate in a clinical or field placement in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters are being given the opportunity to postpone their clinical or field placement until a later date. Just like all TCU students, those who choose to participate in a clinical or field placement in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 should have health insurance.

Even with the public and health and safety measures implemented by TCU and/or by each clinical or practicum site or placement to prevent the spread of COVID-19, TCU cannot promise or ensure that a student will not be exposed to or contract COVID-19. Each TCU student is responsible for his or her own health and well-being and must evaluate the risks of living and learning in a campus environment or participating in a clinical placement or practicum in light of that student's health history, underlying health conditions, advice from healthcare providers, and other factors that may impact the risks of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

This form is in addition to, and not a substitute for, the Affirmation and Acknowledgment of Risk form required of all COSD students participating in a clinical or field placement.

Please select one of the following statements and return this form to your course faculty:

_____ I choose to postpone my practicum and/or placement until a later date to be determined upon agreement of all parties (Program, available agencies, and student). I understand that this will postpone my anticipated graduation date.

_____ Yes, I will participate in practicum and/or field placement as scheduled in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, and I reepresent that I have current health insurance coverage and will maintain that coverage while I am a student at TCU. By signing below and choosing to participate in a practicum and /or field placement I acknowledge that TCU cannot eliminate the risks to me of contracting the COVID-19 virus or any harm to my life and health that may be caused by the virus. By signing below I also represent that I have considered and evaluated the risks associated with living and learning in a campus environment and/or participating in a practicum and/or field placement in light of my health history, underlying health conditions, advice from my healthcare providers, and other factors that may impact the risks to me of contracting the COVID-19 virus. By choosing to participate in a practicum or field placement, I represent that I have decided to assume those risks. Finally, by choosing to participate in a clinical experience or practicum and signing below, I agree that on behalf of myself, my executor, heirs and assigns, I release and hold harmless Texas Christian University and its board, officers, employees, agents, and successors of and from any and all expenses, damages, judgments, and costs, of whatever kind, that arise from any illness or injury I may acquire or sustain while participating in the practicum and/or field placement.

Student Signature

Date

Course Faculty

Date

Program Director

Date