# McGill Faculty of School of Communication Sciences Health Sciences and Disorders



# **Canadian Assessment of Clinical Competence (ACC)**

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**Communication Sciences** 



# Canadian Assessment of Clinical Competence (ACC) – Speech-Language Pathology

### 1. Role of Expert

Speech-language pathologists apply their knowledge of the development and disorders of communication, as well as feeding and swallowing, together with their assessment and intervention skills to provide professional, client-centred

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<ul> <li>1.2.c. Conducts an assessment.</li> <li>Organizes the environment for optimal interaction.</li> <li>Conducts a clinical interview with the client and other relevant individuals.</li> <li>Administers valid, accurate and reliable assessment measures and/or procedures (quantitative and/or qualitative), as appropriate.</li> <li>Demonstrates flexibility and creativity in adapting to unexpected circumstances.</li> <li>Actively listens to, observes and documents all components of communication and/or feeding and swallowing.</li> <li>Manages behaviours within the assessment session.</li> </ul>								
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- Scores and interprets standardized tests according to test protocols.
- Analyzes formal, informal, quantitative and qualitative assessment results.
- Formulates conclusions regarding the client's diagnosis, prognosis, abilities, resources and needs.

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### 1.3. Clinical Expert - Intervention

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- Establishes and prioritizes long-term intervention goals that reflect the client's strengths, needs, values, expectations and constraints.
- Develops specific, measurable, realistic, time-limited, short-term goals to reach the functional long-term intervention goals.
- Selects direct and/or indirect service delivery model(s), as appropriate

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#### 2. Role of Communicator

Speech-language pathologists facilitate the therapeutic relationship and exchanges that occur before, during, and after each encounter. The competencies of this role are essential for establishing rapport and trust, sharing information, developing a mutual understanding and facilitating a shared plan of client-centred care.

#### 2.a. Communicates respectfully and effectively using appropriate modalities.

- Uses language appropriate to the client and context, taking into account all aspects of diversity (e.g., age, culture, gender identification, linguistic abilities, education level, cognitive abilities, emotional state).
- Demonstrates active listening skills.
- Relates comfortably and in a socially appropriate manner with others.
- Adapts communication in response to verbal and nonverbal cues from communication partners.
- Communicates in all professional contexts in a positive, clear, concise and grammatically acceptable manner.
- Communicates in a respectful manner, demonstrating empathy and openness.
- Employs environmental and communication strategies to minimize barriers to successful communication, including the use of appropriate modes of communication (e.g., oral, non-verbal, written, sign, electronic) and by using translators/interpreters, as required.
- Participates respectfully in challenging conversations.
- Effectively receives and provides feedback (e.g., clinical educators, peers, clients, team members).

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<ul> <li>2.b. Completes documentation thoroughly and accurately, in a timely manner.</li> <li>Accurately documents informed consent, services provided and outcomes.</li> <li>Ensures reports clearly integrate results, client input, analysis, recommendations, goals and outcomes, in a manner understandable to the target audience(s).</li> <li>Documents in all professional contexts in a clear, concise, organized and grammatically acceptable manner.</li> <li>Completes and disseminates documentation in a timely manner.</li> <li>Complies with regulatory, legislative and facility requirements related to documentation.</li> </ul>										
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#### 3. Role of Collaborator

Speech-language pathologists seek out and develop opportunities to work effectively with other professionals, the client and their family, caregiver, significant others and/or the community to achieve optimal client-centred care, as well as continuity of care when clients change providers and/or caregivers.

3.a. Establishes and maintains effective team collaborations to optimize clie	ent outcomes
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- Interacts effectively and positively with all team members, including clinical educator.
- Communicates own professional roles, responsibilities and scope of practice in collaborative interactions.
- Recognizes and respects the roles and perspectives of other professionals.
- Participates actively and respectfully in shared responsibilities and decision-making.
- Manages misunderstandings, limitations and conflicts to enhance collaborative practice.
- Facilitates transfer of care within and across professions

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#### 4. Role of Advocate

Speech-language pathologists use their expertise to advance the health and well-being of a client by assisting them to navigate the healthcare or educational system and access support and resources in a timely manner. Speech-language pathologists also use their expertise to advance the profession and educate others about communication and feeding and swallowing.

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#### 5. Role of Scholar

Speech-language pathologists demonstrate a lifelong commitment to professional learning and self-reflection, as well as to the creation, dissemination, application and translation of current evidence-informed knowledge related to the profession of speech-language pathology.

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- Identifies own professional strengths and areas for development.
- Determines own goals for competency development.

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#### 6. Role of Manager

Speech-language pathologists are integral participants in decisions relating to the service provided to clients in the healthcare or educational system. The decision process may involve co-workers, resources and organizational tasks.

#### 6.a. Manages the clinical setting.

- Balances competing demands to manage time, caseload, resources and priorities.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the structure, funding and function of speech-language pathology services within the organization and broader health and education system.
- Applies appropriate precautions, risk management and infection control measures, as required.
- Ensures equipment, materials, instruments and devices are regularly calibrated, up to date and ingood working condition, according to the required standards.

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#### 7. Role of Professional

Speech-language pathologists are guided by a code of ethics, professional standards, regulatory requirements and a commitment to clinical competence in the service they provide to their clients.

#### 7.a. Maintains professional demeanour in all clinical interactions and settings.

- Maintains confidentiality (e.g., follows consent procedures to share information with other parties).
- Demonstrates professionalism in managing conflict.
- Maintains personal and professional boundaries in relationships with clients, colleagues and other professionals.
- Displays a positive, professional image (e.g., follows dress code).
- Demonstrates professionalism in all communications, including those involving electronic platforms.
- Demonstrates responsible, reliable behaviour and accountability for actions and decisions.
- Recognizes and responds appropriately to the inherent power differential in the relationship between the client and the student-clinician.

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#### 7.b. Practices ethically.

- Adheres to professional code of ethics, as defined within the jurisdiction.
- Obtains informed consent.
- Recognizes and uses critical judgment to respond to ethical issues encountered in practice.
- Recognizes and uses critical judgment to respond to actual or perceived conflicts of interest.
- Demonstrates honesty and integrity and acts in the best interests of the client.
- Identifies and mitigates own biases, as they relate to the care of a client.

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#### 7.c. Adheres to professional standards and regulatory requirements.

- Stays informed of and complies with professional standards and regulatory and legislative requirements within one's jurisdiction.
- Practices within the profession's scope of practice and own personal capabilities.
- Adheres to site and university standards and requirements.

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### Feedback from Student to CE

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How has my placement met my expectations and learning needs?
What would I like more/less of (knowing that my CE cannot change the mandate of their
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Final
How has my placement met my expectations and learning needs?
Recommendations to CE for future placements (keep in mind that your CE cannot change the
mandate of their establishment nor their caseload)