

**Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program
Strategic Plan-Executive Summary
2020**

Vision

Become one of the highest ranked Speech-Language Pathology programs in the State of Illinois

Mission

To prepare students to be exceptional clinicians and leaders in the field of Speech-Language Pathology

Focus Area 1: Diversity

- We continually work with marketing regarding our website. We disseminate visitation Day information to programs in- and out- of state, including all HBCUs with undergraduate programs in communication disorders.
- We have recently helped develop an SIUE students chapter of the national Black American Speech Lange Hearing association.
- We continue to reach out to the Office of Institutional Diversity for resources.
- Our students participated in an interprofessional poverty simulation with other Applied Health students.
- Institutional resources continue to be barriers.
- Will continue to work administration for another strategic hire line

Focus Area 2: Quality program and instruction

- We continue to offer multiple electives each summer.
- We recently searched for and hired a (replacement) full-time clinical instructor who joined us May 2020
- There are continuous revisions and improvements to our graduate students, supervisor, faculty, and externship supervisor handbooks.
- Massive revisions were made to clinical component of program in response to COVID-19, including integration of tele practice offerings

Focus Area #3: Research

- Faculty continue to present at national conference and include students in presentations.

Focus Area #4: Community engagement

- The clinic continues to offer a variety of speech, language and/or hearing screenings to community organizations. Institutional resources (faculty) continues to be the barrier to more community engagement.