**PSLP Meeting Notes – September 16, 2020 – Susan Sherman from Baylor**

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[Baylor's Graduate Program Website](https://www.baylor.edu/csd/index.php?id=50568)

* Mrs. Sherman Background Info
	+ Been an SLP for 30 years
	+ Graduate Program Director at Baylor currently
* Baylor’s Graduate Program – Main Info
	+ Their mission is based on the Bible verse Matthew 5:16
		- This is a big part of the university and really sets them apart from others.
	+ The program is fast paced
		- 6 semesters as a leveling student
			* You will graduate with:
				+ Master of Science Degree
				+ ASHA Certified
				+ Licensed by the State of Texas Board
				+ 45 Credit Hours (plus 25 leveling hours)
	+ Part of the program is getting clinical/observation hours (required by ASHA)
		- Supervision: minimum of 25% is for therapy and 50% is for evaluations
		- Off Site: Public Schools, medical settings…
			* 10 hours a week of client work
			* 13 hours of schoolwork
		- They try to get you as much supervision as possible
		- Typically, will start in the 2nd or 3rd semester
* Applying to the Graduate Program
	+ Fall acceptance only for leveling students
		- Application deadline is January 15th
	+ GRE Scores
		- The average score is 300
			* Highest score is a 320
		- Writing score is between 3.5-5.0
		- Baylor SuperScores
			* The highest section of the GRE is what they look at
	+ GPA
		- The average GPA in 2019 was a 3.57
	+ They look at the whole applicant
		- GRE
		- GPA
		- Personal Statement – let the committee know your passion and your why
		- References
		- Resume
* ASHA Requirements [ASHA Prerequisite Requirements](https://www.asha.org/Certification/Course-Content-Areas-for-SLP-Standards/)
	+ Physical Science – Chemistry or Physics
		- Lab portion is not required
	+ Biology
	+ Sociology, Psychology…
	+ Statistics
		- Class must be titled STAT
	+ Prerequisites must be on transcript
		- NO High School; unless your college accepted it as an AP course
* Recommendations from Mrs. Sherman
	+ Go on personal visits to graduate programs
	+ Start thinking about who would write a good recommendation letter
		- Someone who knows you well
	+ Resume & Personal Statement
		- Career Center might be able to help you write these
* Upon Acceptance
	+ Funding
		- There is funding available to help with tuition costs
		- Majority of students apply for grad assistant
			* Get paid for your time (10 hours a week)
		- Scholarships are also available
			* Applications open in January/February
			* Awards given next April/May
	+ Semester Overview
		- Leveling starts in the Fall semester
		- 6 semesters in length
		- Each semester is 13 hours of course work
			* 4 classes
			* 1 hour of practicum
		- Leveling HAS to be done at Baylor
		- The Online Graduate Program does accept leveling from other places
			* [onlinegrad.baylor.edu](http://onlinegrad.baylor.edu/)
* Graduate Requirements
	+ 45 semester hours + 25 leveling hours
	+ 400 clinical hours
	+ Pass the graduate comprehensive exam
	+ Report Praxis exam
* Typical Class Size is 25 per class
	+ Very firm on this number
* 100% graduate with a job offer
* Shadowing
	+ They don’t look at shadowing hours
	+ You can still show them that you have shadowed by putting it on your resume