**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