

Special Interest Group 10, Issues in Higher Education

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How many affiliates does your SIG have now?

SIG 10 currently has 673 affiliates.

Is there an important, new issue surrounding your SIG's subject matter right now? Highlight a timely event or trend.

A very important issue in higher education now is interprofessional practice (IPP) and interprofessional education (IPE). Faculty and clinical supervisors are invested in preparing future audiologists and speech-language pathologists to participate effectively on patient care teams. Collaborative learning experiences with other professions, such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing and medicine, provide students with active engagement in the practices that occur in health care settings.

Another growing trend is online instruction in undergraduate and graduate programs. Courses offered online allow for interactive and collaborative learning and may incorporate multimedia examples. Relatedly, the use of virtual reality in clinical education is emerging as an important component of students' clinical preparation. For example, simulation software allows students to experience clinical conditions and patient populations that they might not otherwise encounter. In addition, technology is enabling clinical supervision to take place remotely, allowing students to experience clinical placements that are distant from their universities. Some universities are acquainting students with telepractice strategies.

What upcoming events related to or sponsored by your SIG should everyone know about? Chats, conferences or convention events?

SIG 10 will offer sessions on three timely topics at the 2016 ASHA Convention in Philadelphia. A short course, "Teaching Toolbox in Speech, Neuro, and Hearing Sciences," will share ideas for engaging instructional practices with faculty who teach these subjects. SIG 10's one-hour session, presented in collaboration with SIG 11, Administration and Supervision, is geared toward the needs of faculty and clinical supervisors and covers working with challenging students during clinical education experiences. SIG 10 is also partnering with the IPE topic strand to present an expert panel that will discuss successful IPP/IPE practices.

Which of your recent Perspectives articles is a must-read for CSD professionals, and why?

SIG 10's current articles discuss these same hot topics in higher education. A recently published article by Elizabeth U. Grillo and Christine M. Thomas, "[Using High-Fidelity Simulation to Facilitate Graduate Student Clinical Learning](http://perspectives.pubs.asha.org/article.aspx?articleid=2524886), (<http://perspectives.pubs.asha.org/article.aspx?articleid=2524886>)" describes an interprofessional collaboration between speech-language pathology and nursing educators using a high-fidelity mannequin

simulation. Simulated experiences include speaking valve assessments, bedside swallow exams and cognitive/speech-language screenings.

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