



2007 Survey of MA-SLP Graduates

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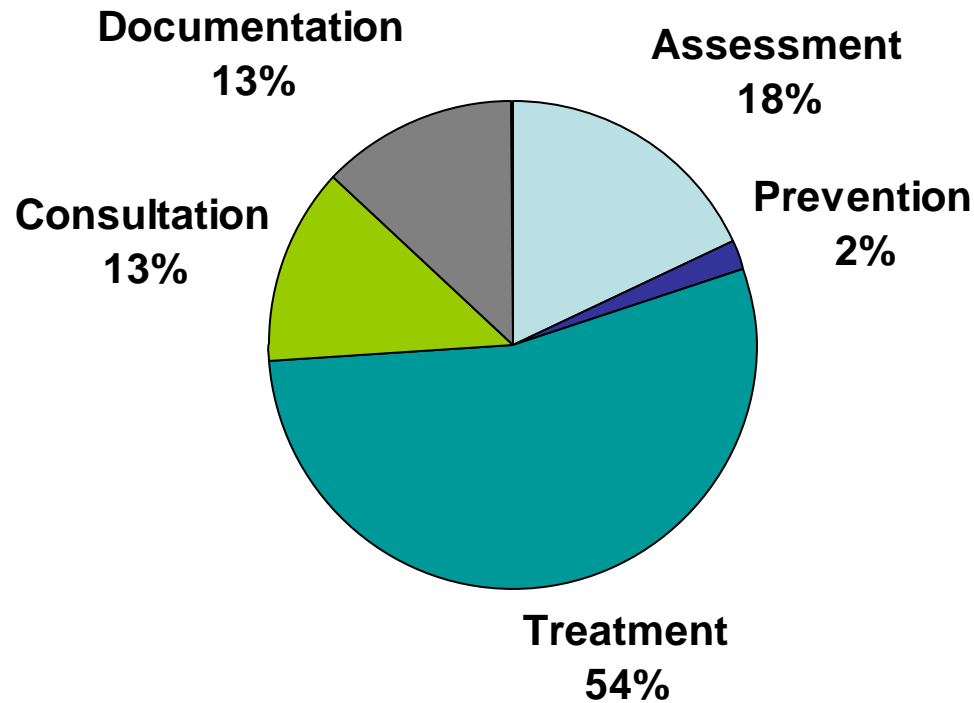
Background/Demographics

- Survey
 - Developed by the department's *Committee on Program Excellence*
 - Administered via *Survey Monkey*
- Administration
 - Classes of 2004, 2005, 2006
 - 41 responses (68% of total)
 - All reported having worked as SLP

Employment

- 98% signed an employment contract within 3 months of graduating.
 - 44% signed before graduating!
 - 61% were offered employment at externship site.
- 95% are currently employed.
 - Those that aren't currently employed are currently seeking employment overseas!

What types of activities do our graduates do in a typical work week?

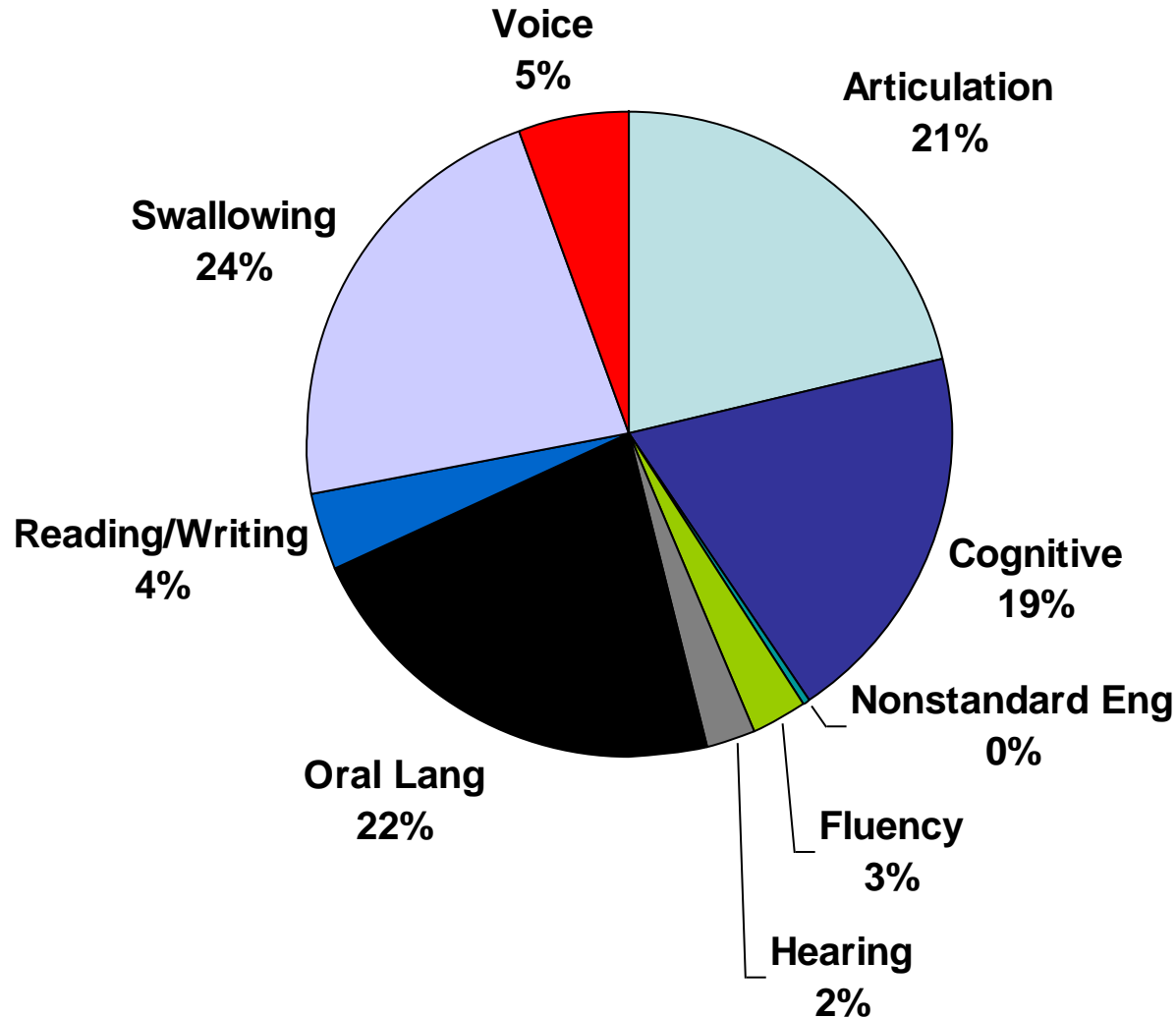




Where do our graduates work?

- They are employed in a variety of settings:
 - Acute care centers
 - Rehabilitation centers
 - Out-patient hospital clinics
 - Skilled nursing facilities
 - Schools and preschools
 - Private practice
 - And others!
- They work with a variety of age groups:
 - Preschoolers
 - Elementary, middle and high school students
 - Young adults
 - Seniors

What types of patient populations do they serve in a typical work week?





What other activities do they do?

- 48% have mentored bachelor's level clinicians.
- 45% have conducted public awareness activities
- 41% have presented workshops or papers at job-related meetings
- 35% supervise SLP assistants
- 10% have conducted clinical research



How do our graduates rate the MA-SLP program at UF?

Item	Rating (1 – poor, 5 – excellent)
Preparation for CFY	3.72
Preparation for post-CFY	3.92
Preparation for admin tasks	2.90
Knowledge of disorders	4.41
Knowledge of differences	4.03



How do our graduates rate the MA-SLP program at UF?

Item	Rating (1 – poor, 5 – excellent)
Assessment skills: disorders	4.10
Assessment skills: differences	3.80
Prevention skills: disorders	3.59
Intervention skills: disorders	3.69
Intervention skills: differences	3.38



How do our graduates rate the MA-SLP program at UF?

Item	Rating (1 – poor, 5 – excellent)
Prepared for EBP?	3.74
Knowledge of ethics	4.49
Preparation compared to non-UF SLP colleagues	4.05
Would you recommend MA-SLP program at UF?	4.10

Comments

- Need for more information on practical intervention strategies.
- Need to address caseload management issues in more depth.
- Need for autism, AAC, TBI courses.

The Department has addressed or is in the process of addressing these concerns.



What else do our former students say?

- “Going to the MA-SLP program at UF was one of the best decisions I've ever made.”
- “I feel that my overall experience was a very positive one. I learned a lot that helped me get to where I am today. I truly love my career and feel that UF really helped me get there.”
- “Overall, I felt very well prepared for the real world. Thanks to all the... professors!”
- “It was definitely hard work, but well worth it! I absolutely love being an SLP, and I appreciate all of those at UF who helped get me there. Thank you all, and GO GATORS!”