



College of Health Professions

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For Your Information – March 25, 2016

Students and clinicians gain new skills in speech-language CE course

– On March 12-13, the UAMS/UALR Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology department teamed up with the Speech-Language Pathology Division of UAMS Rehabilitation Services to host a workshop on Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES). Joseph Murray, chief of audiology and speech pathology services at the Ann Arbor, Michigan Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, taught the course to 52 participants that included 31 speech-language pathologists, 19 students, and 2 faculty members. FEES is a procedure in which an endoscope, a small, flexible tube with a camera and light on the end, is inserted through the nose and down into the throat so that the speech-language pathologist or physician can actually see what is happening in the throat and diagnose problems with swallowing. The workshop included opportunities for participants to practice the procedure with supervision.

Amy Chandler, director of speech-language pathology clinical services at UAMS commented, *“I received a lot of positive feedback. . . the students seemed really excited after the event. I hope that it gives them an employment advantage in the future.”*

Timely Matters

For College of Health Professions **Dates to Remember**, bookmark <http://healthprofessions.uams.edu/faculty-and-staff/dates-to-remember/>

March 25 – *Good Friday* (Christian)

March 27 – *Easter* (Christian)

April 1 – Deadline for Staff Excellence Awards selection

April 15 – Call for nominations for Faculty Excellence Awards

April 15 – New/revised course syllabi and other academic program changes due to Curriculum Committee (15th of each month)

April 21 – First day of *Ridvan* (Baha’i)

April 21 – Student Council meeting at 4:00 pm, I. Dodd Wilson Building, Room 105

April 22 – Spring College Meeting, featuring Staff Excellence Awards

April 23 – First day of *Passover/Pesach* (Judaism); ends April 30

April 29 – Promotion and Tenure Workshop, 12:00-1:30, I. Dodd Wilson Building Room 226

April 29 – *Good Friday* (Orthodox Christian)

April 30 – Last day of *Passover/Pesach* (Judaism)

According to assistant professor **Dana Moser**, the hands-on session on Sunday afternoon provided every student with supervised practice in the insertion and manipulation of the endoscope to view structures in the throat. Most students volunteered to be on the receiving end of FEES to be “scoped” by their peers. In the photo, student **Taylor Russell** is being scoped by classmate **Chelsey Partain**.

Participant evaluations of the learning experience were overwhelmingly positive, with students expressing their appreciation for the hands-on learning experience. **Dana Moser** remarked, “*It would be wonderful if we could provide this type of training experience to our graduate students every year.*”

Congratulations to our Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology and UAMS Rehabilitation Services for hosting this cost-saving continuing education course for practicing professionals and students. **Nannette Nicholson** is interim chair of the department.



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