

ABOUT OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

A unique and highly regarded graduate teaching facility, the Speech and Hearing Center at Lehman College provides state of the art diagnostic and therapeutic services to children 0-5 in the New York City Metropolitan area, to the children of our students in our Child Care Center and children of the Lehman College Community who present with speech, language, hearing, and/or feeding deficits.

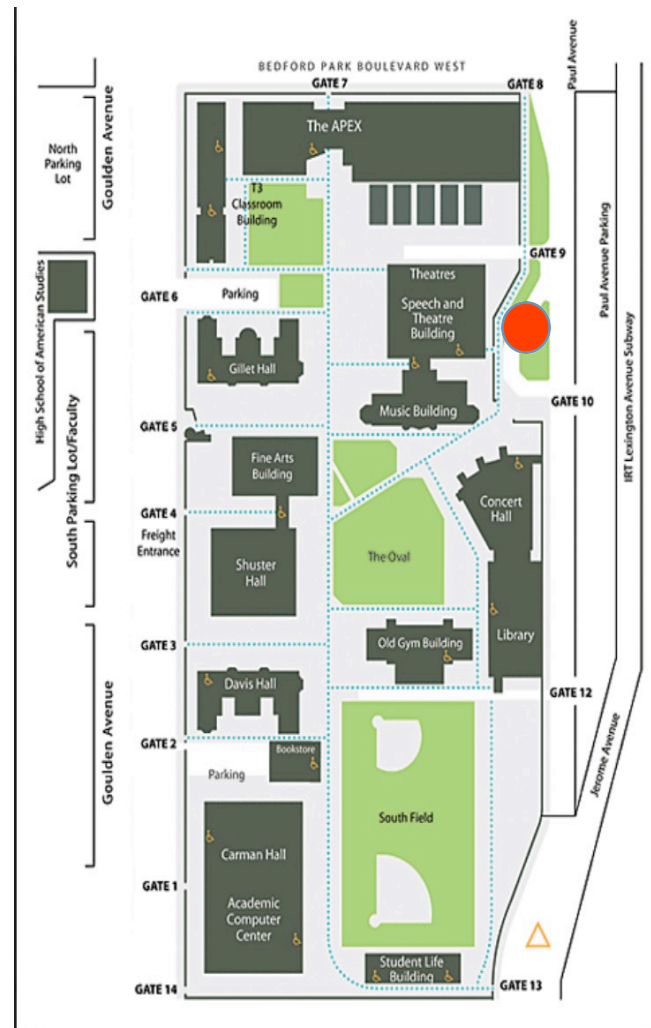
As part of our Academic Partnership with NYC DOH Bureau of Early Intervention, Speech and Language Services are delivered by graduate-student clinicians who are pursuing their interests in Early Childhood Intervention under the close supervision of Clinical Educators, who are speech-language pathologists certified by ASHA (the American Speech-Language Hearing Association) and licensed by New York State. Additionally, the SHC through our Student Clinicians offers a variety of early childhood opportunities throughout the academic year including our summer program, "Letters and Literacy: Story Time for Lil Ones," for ages 18 mos -5 years which engages Undergraduate Speech Majors, Graduate Student Clinicians entering our Clinic, and seasoned Graduate Student Clinicians. We also offer Parent Workshops and Seminars and invite our families to engage with their children in treatment and diagnostic evaluations using family-centered best practices including Embedded Coaching and Routines-Based Intervention throughout the year.

The Center also serves as a research laboratory for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty mentors conducting applied clinical research in the areas of child language and emergent literacy. The clinic is equipped with simulated home-based treatment rooms to provide students with the opportunity for simulated inter-professional early childhood treatment and diagnostic opportunities.

OUR LOCATION

The Speech and Hearing Center is located on two floors in the Speech and Theatre Building and has individual and group therapy rooms with observation areas for family and undergraduate student observers, seminar rooms, SMART classrooms, conference rooms, and resource rooms.

Parking is available behind the Speech and Theatre building at no cost to our clients.



The Lehman College Department of Speech, Language and Hearing

Early Intervention Track

*Part of our Graduate Program in
Speech-Language Pathology.*



*Dedicated to developing the
speech and language skills
of our children 0-5 with
special needs through the
use of best practice and
evidence-based
research*

Speech and Theatre Building, B50
250 Bedford Park Boulevard West Bronx,
New York 10468
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Early Childhood Practicum Schedule:
Clinical Practicum:
Monday and Wednesdays 10 am to 1 pm
Diagnostic Practicum:
Fridays, 10 am to 1 pm

EARLY CHILDHOOD EVALUATIONS

The Lehman College Speech and Hearing Center provides individualized and comprehensive evaluations in speech, language, for monolingual and bilingual children as part of our Early Intervention track. Evaluations are conducted by a diagnostic team composed of graduate student clinicians as part of their clinical training toward a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology with specialty training in Early Childhood. The Clinical Educator, a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist, supervises all evaluations.

**The Lehman College
Speech and Hearing Center
is a NO FEE Clinic for both
Diagnostic Evaluations and Speech-
Language Pathology Treatment including
Hearing Screenings.**

The Lehman College Speech and Hearing Center is well equipped to deliver a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic services to children with a variety of challenges.



OUR EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALTY TRACK COURSEWORK

Our Early Intervention Specialty Track includes the following coursework:

- a. SPE 721 Early Childhood Language and Communication Disorders
 - b. SPE 729 Clinical Practicum in Early Childhood (One Semester – Preferably taken in their second semester)
 - c. SPE 757 Topics in Early Intervention OR SPE 714 Pediatric Feeding
 - d. SPE 734 Diagnostics in Early Childhood (One Semester – Preferably taken in their second semester)
 - e. SPE 730* Externship in Home-Based or Center-Based Early Intervention – Preferably taken in their second Externship Assignment.
- NOTE: Early Intervention Externship locations include home and center-based

NYC DOH Bureau of Early Intervention Requirements:

- a. The Completion of 5 EI Modules are a requirement of SPE721 and our Academic Partnership with Early Intervention. Completed certificates must be submitted to the Clinic Director during Pre-Clinic.
- b. All students engaging in EI Coursework noted above are required to complete surveys at the end of each course. Prior to SPE 721 and after SPE 730, students that are part of the EI Specialty Track will complete a Pre-Program and Post-Program Survey (s).

Students interested in a career in Early Intervention are invited to **self-identify** in their first pre-registration of Clinical Practicum (SPE729) and then consult with their Faculty Advisor to plan their clinical schedule for the balance of their graduate studies. NOTE: The EI Track is NOT a Certificate Program but an opportunity to engage in specialty training in your area of interest.

Goals of the Early Intervention Specialty Track

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Lehman College is pleased to provide explicit training in best practices that are evidenced-based for student clinicians who have expressed interest in engaging in our Early Intervention Academic Partnership with NYC.

This includes providing all students with the following:

- A strong foundation in typical and atypical early childhood development from birth to three.
- Meaningful integration of multi-cultural and diversity issues related to evaluations and service provision
- Understanding and supporting the parent-child dyad when working with early childhood families
- Understanding and using evidence-based, family-centered best practices with EI families including embedded interventions and collaborative coaching based on routines
- Fieldwork placements in center-based and home-based Early Intervention settings as availability permits

Department of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences:

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