

Loyola University Maryland
Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
Externship KASA Grading Scale
Pass/ Fail

New Experience = Level A

*All first time externships are Level A. Any change to or from an educational to medical setting resets the level at A to account for the steep learning curve between the setting types. Other special settings or circumstances may be set at Level A with permission of the Loyola Externship Director.

Pass A = 3.30 minimum overall average at Final

Fail A = 3.29 or less minimum overall average

Advanced Experience = Level B

* Applies only to second time experiences that are considered “advanced” (eg. Second medical or educational experience). Designated by the Loyola Externship Director.

Pass B = 3.50 minimum overall average at Final

Fail B = 3.49 or less minimum overall average

Midterm Grades

There is no minimum number for a “Pass” at midterm but midterm grades should be progressing toward potential for a pass level at final. Grades of 2 and 3 are common at midterm as students are applying skills in a real world setting and have not yet achieved entry level independence by midterm in all skill areas. Remediation may be applied for any areas of concern as assessed by the Externship Director in consultation with the direct supervisor or supervising Loyola externship coordinator.

Remediation for Clinical Concerns

A Clinical Support Meeting with the Loyola Externship Director is triggered for a student if there are noted concerns by the on-site supervisor or if a grade below 3.0 is received at midterm in any 1 of the overall section grades for that competency skill area (Professional Behavior, Interpersonal Skill, Evaluation, Treatment, and Writing). Two or more section grades below a 3.0 at midterm will trigger an Academic Standards meeting. A final grade of F will result in automatic dismissal from the program with a referral to the Academic Standards committee.

***Note:** Always consult with the Loyola Externship Director or Loyola Coordinator about any questions or concerns. We are your resource to support both student and supervisor throughout the semester and wish to ensure a successful experience for all involved.*