Goal: To build an introductory understanding of the research publication process through the preparation of an inter-disciplinary journal manuscript for submission that spans disciplines of narrative medicine and clinical discourse aphasiology

Learning objective: Ability to prepare a manuscript for journal submission as demonstrated through completion of the following steps inherent to the research process:

a) Defining scope of the research question: Develop and discuss with the faculty mentor the targeted research question(s) associated with her line of research interests, and formulate these questions in writing, accompanied by the relevant background literature

Product: Research question(s) and introduction of associated literature in written form

b) Collecting data: Under faculty mentorship, identify and justify a data set relevant to the research questions

Product/outcome: Source of data set justified in written form

c) Analysis and interpretation: Analyze and interpret findings relative to the research questions

Product/outcome: Results of analysis and their interpretation in written form

d) Identification of target audience and venues for publication: Identify audience who would be interested in the content areas of the study, as well as a publication venue that would reach that audience

Product/outcome: Target audience and publication venue justified in writing

e) Manuscript drafting: Prepare weekly successive drafts for discussion with co-authors

Product/outcome: Weekly draft modifications written in collaboration with co-authors, constituting at least three hours of writing and discussion each week

Grading:

Student will earn a letter grade for the course based on the following criteria relative to the learning goals:

- ‘A’ for completion of 90% to 100% the products/outcomes as defined above
- ‘B’ for completion of at least 80% of the products/outcomes as defined above
- ‘C’ for completion of at least 70% of the products/outcomes as defined above
- ‘D’ for completion of at least 60% of the products/outcomes as defined above