

## Assessment of Library Collections

### Speech-Language Pathology

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#### Journals

##### Library subscriptions by general count

By keyword search of the Citation Linker on the library's web page, FIU has 17 online journals for this program (speech-language pathology, 7 titles; applied linguistics, 6; and communication disorders, 4).

With an additional three print-only journals for this program, FIU has in sum 20 journals for Speech-Language Pathology, of which 85% are online.

For the health sciences as a whole, FIU has 4,216 online journals and 266 print titles; 94 % of these online.

##### Citation-ranked literatures

The library's holdings in five citation-ranked literatures are outlined in [Table 1](#).

|                                 | number of titles in literature | number held by library | % held by library | number <u>not</u> held by library |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Otorhinolaryngology             | 32                             | 15                     | 47%               | 17                                |
| Geriatrics & Gerontology        | 24                             | 17                     | 71%               | 7                                 |
| Applied Linguistics             | 38                             | 32                     | 84%               | 6                                 |
| Rehabilitation: Social Sciences | 69                             | 51                     | 74%               | 18                                |
| Rehabilitation: Sciences        | 24                             | 14                     | 58%               | 10                                |
| TOTALS                          | 187                            | 129                    | 69%               | 58                                |

### Journal collection development progress

Since 2005, FIU has added 28 citation-ranked journals, mostly Otorhinolaryngology, in these five literatures, bringing the overall proportion of holdings from 54% to 69% (129 of the 187 titles).

### Online-journal packages

The journal collections are developed largely on the basis of publisher-based packages through the state university library consortium. Of direct relevance to Speech-Language Pathology are Annual Reviews; Cambridge University Press; Elsevier Science Direct; Ingenta Select; JSTOR; Kluwer; Oxford University Press; Project Muse; American Psychological Association; Springer; and Wiley Interscience. The Nature Publishing package is selective. Most packages have online archives from 1997.

### **Books**

The library's book approval plan for the sciences covers all university press titles with additional trade-publisher coverage of contemporary social or public policy aspects of science, engineering, and technology. The profile also covers specifically for the health sciences:

- Trade publisher titles on *US, Latin America or Caribbean, or world public health*;
- Trade publisher clinical works, guidebooks, and textbooks at the advanced-undergraduate level or above on *nutritional diseases and disorders*;
- Trade publisher titles at the academic or research level on *sports medicine, diet therapy* (other than cookbooks), *physical or occupational therapy, otorhinolaryngology, speech therapy and disorders, and physical rehabilitation*.

In the social sciences, the plan is fairly comprehensive, without any substantive subject limitations. Reference materials are excluded from the plan and selected by the Health Sciences Librarian.

### Book collection development progress

Over the past year, the library had two specially funded projects for the health sciences:

- With selections made by the faculty, the library developed a permanent reserve collection of 2224 core books to facilitate advanced research drawn from *Doody's Core Title* lists. It covers 46 specialties, including Speech-Language Pathology (10 titles); the total cost was \$15,661.
- The Health Sciences Librarian is shifting the reference collections online; the main project of 122 titles was also drawn from *Doody's Core Title* lists; its cost was \$23,761.

Both campus libraries have expansive budgets for faculty orders of additional books, reference materials, and audio-visual resources.

FIU's online book collection, includes books on applied linguistics, speech pathology and disorders, speech therapy, as well as medical dictionaries and reference guides.

### **Databases**

FIU's collections of databases, about 300 in number, have at the core for Speech-Language Pathology: *CINHAL Plus with Full Text*; *MEDLINE*; *Health Source: Nursing Academic Edition*; *Linguistics and Language Behavior*; and *Cochrane Library*.

Supplementary databases for this program include *CSA Neurosciences Abstracts*; *Health and Psychosocial Instruments*; *ERIC*; *Health Source: Consumer Edition*; *PsycINFO*; *MLA International Bibliography*, and *Science Citation Index*.