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## Salus University Clinical Educators Named to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Leadership Development Program

**Elkins Park, PA** –Salus University Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) clinical instructors, Leah Morton, MS, CCC-SLP, and Trish Martin Mayro, MA, CCC-SLP, were recently selected to participate in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Leadership Development Program (LDP). Only 30 clinical educators nationwide were chosen to participate in the 2017 cohort of this highly selective yearlong program.

Each year, through a rigorous application process, ASHA selects audiologists and speech-language pathologists with leadership potential to join the LDP program. The program encourages participants to develop leadership skills and give back to their profession through volunteering. As part of the LDP, Morton and Mayro will attend eight virtual workshops discussing leadership topics, work with a learning team with other program participants, and develop an individual leadership project.

Morton, who received a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from La Salle University, will focus her leadership project on the Breastfeeding Resource Center (BRC), a local nonprofit community center committed to providing expert clinical and educational breastfeeding services. She is teaching her students at the BRC how to facilitate and support new moms and identify signs such as hunger in babies.

Mayro, who received a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from Temple University, will work with the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association to provide trainers for preceptors at university programs across the state, helping them to gain confidence teaching SLP students.

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