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**Salus University Speech-Language Institute Announces Opening**  
*Will Offer Free Comprehensive Services to Qualified Patients For A Short Period*

Elkins Park, Pa. – Salus University has announced the opening of its Speech-Language Institute (SLI). The clinical facility for the Salus University Department of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), the SLI is located on its Elkins Park campus. SLI is the University's newest clinical facility, joining The Eye Institute and Pennsylvania Ear Institute. Salus University is an internationally recognized academic institution, offering a wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for health care professionals.

SLI will provide comprehensive speech-language pathology services while serving as a clinical training site for Salus University students, according to clinic director, Robert Serianni, MS, CCC-SLP. The clinic will be staffed by Salus University graduate students training to become speech pathologists under the supervision of clinical educators as part of its Master of Science degree program in Speech-Language Pathology.

The state-of-the-art clinic offers full pediatric and adult assessments with individual and group intervention sessions for conditions related to speech, language, feeding and swallowing, voice, stuttering, accent modification, social communication and interaction and assistive technology. Support groups for clients and parents/caregivers are also available.

There will be no charge for services at this time, according to Serianni. "By offering no-cost services, the clinic can begin to build a patient base and earn a reputation in the community," he said. The new clinical facility within the University's College of Education and Rehabilitation will evaluate clients to determine goals and may provide weekly treatments for a period of years, as determined by the individual client's plan of care. Registration for new patients began the first week of July. Until the Speech-Language Institute builds the necessary patient population for its students, free care will be provided. Following this period of time, payment for services will be determined on a sliding scale based on each patient's individual financial circumstances.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call 215-780-3150 or email [SLInstitute@salus.edu](mailto:SLInstitute@salus.edu).

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