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DALLAS -- A program to add a new dimension to the training of students of speech pathology and audiology will be instituted this fall through cooperative efforts of two Dallas medical specialists and North Texas State University.

Under the plan six NTSU students enrolled in a graduate practicum will spend about six hours per week in the offices of Drs. M.C. Culbertson and Trever E. Mabery, Dallas otolaryngologists who are members of the clinical faculty of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

NTSU regents implemented the new program this week, establishing the graduate practicum and appointing the two physicians adjunct professors of speech pathology and audiology for the academic year 1969-70. They will serve without remuneration.

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The cooperative undertaking, an NTSU announcement said, will be "an effort to gain meaningful exposure to medical procedures of diagnosis, prognosis and therapy to persons afflicted with communication disorders."

Although the clinical speech pathologist or audiologist often finds employment in a medical setting such as a hospital, physician's office or speech and hearing clinic, the student's training has been largely limited to an educational orientation to clinical practice, the university said.

The new instructional program was proposed by the Speech and hearing therapy division of the NTSU's Department of Speech and Drama. Students will be gaining credit toward a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology.

Students' experiences will include observation of the examination and treatment of patients, with accompanying explanation and instruction by the physician of the pathologies and treatments involved. Additional work would be done at Callier Speech and Hearing Center, and surgical procedures also would be observed.

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Dr. Mabery is clinical instructor in otolaryngology at Southwestern and is on the staff of Children's Medical Center.

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