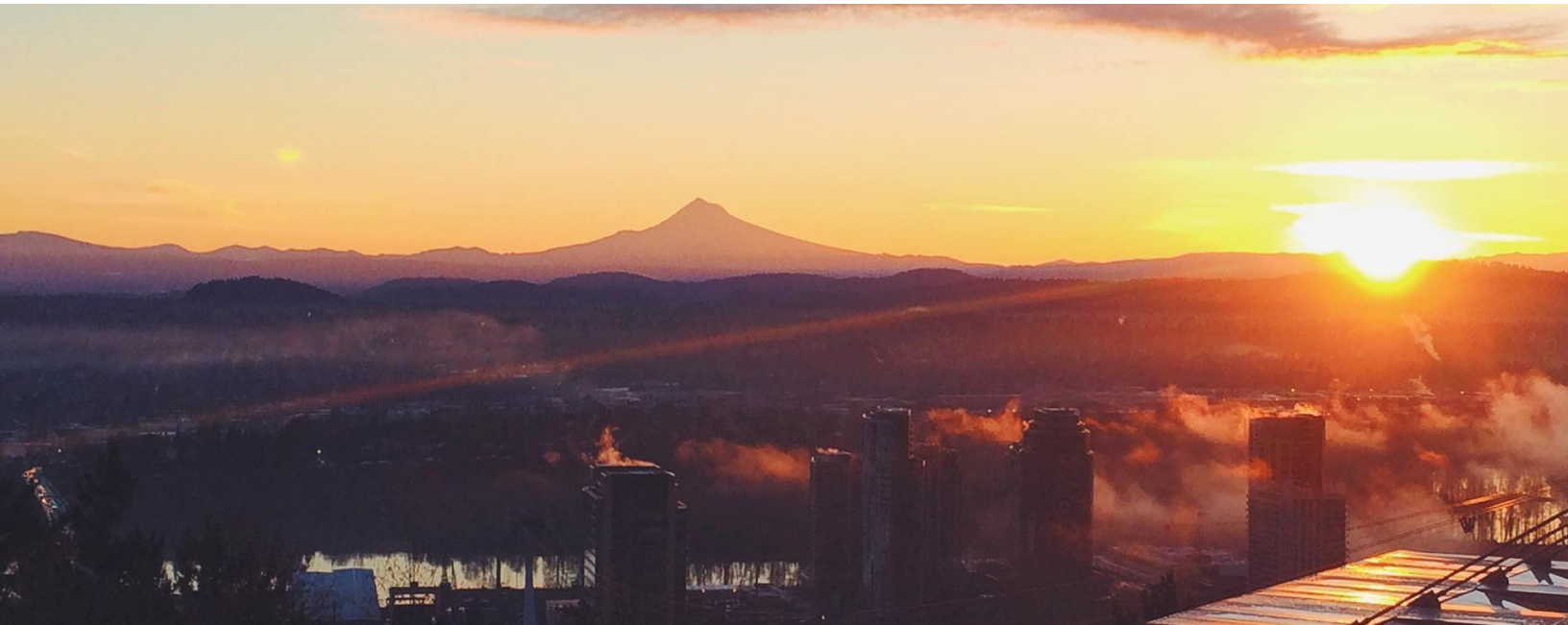


OHSU's NW Center for Voice & Swallowing

The OHSU Introductory FEES® Course



**Saturday 12/5 & Saturday 12/12, 2026
OHSU Center for Health & Healing,
Portland, Oregon**

The OHSU Introductory FEES course is a two day foundation course designed to provide speech-language pathologists and other licensed professionals with the necessary skills to develop competency in the use of Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) with adults.

For additional information:

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Overview: The OHSU Introductory FEES course is a two-day foundation course designed to provide SLPs, ENTs and other licensed medical professionals with the necessary skills to develop competency in the use of Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) with adults. Combining lectures with hands-on training, the workshop is taught in a small-group seminar format over two consecutive Saturdays. Class size is limited in order to maximize learner outcomes and to ensure adequate hands-on endoscopy training. Training occurs using the equipment in the NW Center for Voice & Swallowing at OHSU. The course is taught at an Advanced level and assumes proficiency with dysphagia diagnosis and management. Those with previous dysphagia experience in a medical setting will likely benefit most from the training.

Learner Outcomes: On the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss what can be understood about normal and abnormal swallowing from an endoscopic image.
2. Describe clinical indications and risks for performing FEES.
3. Follow a protocol for administering a FEES exam.
4. Identify key structures, interpret findings, and apply therapeutic interventions during the FEES exam.
5. Describe how to adapt the FEES protocol for different patient populations and settings.
6. Discuss how to manage patients with dysphagia using endoscopy during evaluation and therapy sessions.
7. Demonstrate an introductory level of skill in passing the endoscope safely and know how to position the scope to get an ideal view during the FEES exam.

Conference Schedule

Day One

8:30 AM	<i>Continental breakfast (provided)</i>
9:00 AM	Overview of FEES. Clinical privileging & training competencies. Safety of endoscopy.
10:30 AM	<i>Break</i>
11:00 AM	Anatomy & the normal swallow. Indications for a FEES exam vs. a fluoroscopic exam.
12:30 PM	<i>Buffet Lunch (provided)</i>
1:15 PM	Hands-on practice passing the endoscope on other participants.
3:45 PM	<i>Break</i>
4:15 PM	Interpreting the results of the FEES examination: Identification of abnormal findings.
5:45 PM	<i>Finish</i>

Day Two

8:30 AM	<i>Continental breakfast (provided)</i>
9:00 AM	FEES Protocols: FEES, ice chip, & FEESST.
10:30 AM	<i>Break</i>
11:00 AM	Interpreting the results of the FEES examination, continued. Billing & documentation.
12:30 PM	<i>Buffet Lunch (provided)</i>
1:15 PM	Hands-on practice passing the endoscope on other participants.
3:45 PM	<i>Break</i>
4:15 PM	Use of FEES to guide therapy & management of dysphagia. Practical issues.
5:45 PM	<i>Finish</i>

Conference Faculty: The workshop is taught by Speech Pathology faculty from the NW Center for Voice & Swallowing in the Otolaryngology Dept. at Oregon Health and Science University.



Andrew Palmer, PhD, CCC-SLP is an Associate Professor and has been a speech pathologist at OHSU's NW Center for Voice & Swallowing since 2000. He has taught hands-on FEES courses nationally at various facilities around the U.S. which have developed FEES programs and originally trained with Susan Langmore. He developed the OHSU FEES course in 2003 and teaches it annually.



Donna Graville, PhD, CCC-SLP is an Associate Professor and the director of the OHSU-Northwest Center for Voice and Swallowing. She earned her Master's degree in speech and hearing sciences at Portland State University and completed her fellowship at the Portland V.A. Medical Center. Her desire to develop a comprehensive voice and swallowing center led her to pursue a Ph.D. in communication disorders and sciences at the University of Oregon. She co-teaches the OHSU FEES course annually.



Rachel Bolognone, MS, CCC-SLP earned her M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Arizona. She is an Assistant Professor in OHSU's NW Center for Voice and Swallowing and Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Portland State University. Rachel's expertise includes the treatment and management of swallowing disorders of various kinds. She specializes in the rehabilitation of patients treated for head and neck cancer in inpatient and outpatient multidisciplinary settings. She co-teaches the OHSU FEES course annually.

Disclosures:

Dr. Andrew Palmer, The OHSU Introductory FEES Course, employed by Oregon Health & Science University. Disclosure:

- Financial- Dr. Palmer receives a salary as an employee of OHSU.
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Cancellation Policy: OHSU reserves the right to cancel the course at any time and for any reason. In the event of cancellation, OHSU will return the registration fees for participants but does not accept liability for other costs.

Course Location: The course will take place at the Center for Health and Healing on OHSU's South Waterfront campus in Portland, OR. For maps and directions go to: <http://www.ohsu.edu>

Learning Assessment: Prior to the initial lecture, participants must read several assigned articles and complete a pre-test quiz. Between the first and second course presentation, participants must score review FEES clips and rate key abnormal findings. Completion of the course post-test must be completed to demonstrate mastery of the course information.

Registration: The individual course cost is \$650. A discounted rate is available for Clinical Fellows. A certificate of completion will be provided for all attendees who complete all of the course requirements. A link to the registration website will be available from the Training and Education page on our website here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/ent/nwcvs-training-and-education>

Contact: For questions or registration information please contact Andrew Palmer by email at palmeran@ohsu.edu or by phone: 503-494-8885.

Continuing Education: There is a \$5 processing fee for the Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association to report your CEUs to ASHA. This \$5 fee is charged by the Oregon Speech- Language Hearing Association, not by ASHA.



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