



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) offers students' academic and clinical preparation that meets the requirements of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology or as preparation for graduate study leading to the PhD degree. The master's program provides a broad range of basic science courses and specialized offerings emphasizing evaluation and treatment of language, articulation, fluency, voice, swallowing, and neurologically based communication disorders. The curriculum is designed to produce speech-language pathologists from diverse backgrounds who are capable of engaging in evidence-based practices.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

This program prepares graduates as Medical Speech-Language Pathologists to work in settings such as hospitals, rehabilitation centers, community clinics, private practice, preschool programs, and public schools. Students who complete this degree are eligible to sit for national certification as a speech-language pathologist (i.e., the CCC-SLP) and, upon passage, may practice as a licensed speech-language pathologist.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the Graduate School, applicants must meet the following criteria for admission into the Graduate Program in Speech Language Pathology:

- ✓ An undergraduate degree in speech-language pathology
- ✓ An overall GPA of 3.0 in general coursework and a GPA of 3.0 in speech-language pathology with a minimum grade of "B" in each speech-language pathology course.
- ✓ Three typewritten letters of recommendation on professional letterhead from practitioners and/or educators in speech-language pathology or audiology who are familiar with the applicant's academic performance.
- ✓ Personal statement of goals
- ✓ Evidence of undergraduate clinical clock hours with a grade of B or better (including observation hours)
- ✓ A transcript showing at least twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours in undergraduate speech-language pathology related courses.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Graduation is based on satisfactory completion of all course work in MSSLP program of study and the student must meet all graduation requirements of the University.
- ✓ The minimum grade point average (GPA) required for graduation is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ All MSSLP students must pass 36 hours of core course work and 15 hours of clinical core course work.
- ✓ *Additional clinical practicum courses may be necessary to fulfill the 400 clock-hour requirement of ASHA.*

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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