

## Admission Requirements and Prerequisites

To be eligible for admission to the *Master of Science, Speech-Language Pathology* degree program, applicants are required to have a baccalaureate degree in the arts or sciences with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Required prerequisite coursework includes:

- Statistics (this must be a stand-alone course)
- Biological sciences
  - Biology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology, Human Genetics, or Veterinary Science
- Physical sciences
  - Chemistry or Physics *only*
- Social/Behavioral sciences
  - Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, or Public Health

Required foundational coursework (minimum of 18 credit hours from a university with accreditation from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)) includes:

- Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
- Speech and Language Development and Disorders
- Audiology
- Speech and Hearing Science
- Linguistics or Psycholinguistics
- Phonetics
- Students must show evidence of a minimum of 25 hours in *guided clinical observation* in speech-language pathology and audiology prior to initiating graduate level coursework.

Students must also submit:

- Transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- One-page *Statement of Interest* in the Program/Profession
- Resume
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation, with at least two of the three letters from previous faculty instructors.
- Review and acknowledge the *Essential Functions in Speech-Language Pathology* and *Clearances and Immunizations* documents.
- Timed written responses (3) to supplemental noncognitive admissions questions (CSDCAS application).
- Video responses (3) to supplemental noncognitive admissions questions (CSDCAS application).

All materials pertaining to the application will be submitted through CSDCAS. Applications must be **verified** by 11:59 PM ET on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications can only be verified once all payments, transcripts, and letters of evaluation have been received. To ensure your application is verified on time, try to complete your application at least four weeks before the deadline.

## **Clearances and Immunizations**

Students will be required to submit a state criminal background check(s) and successful completion of a state approved child abuse and reporting course(s) prior to the first residency field experience in the Speech-Language Pathology graduate degree program. In addition, students may need to meet the following requirements in order to participate in clinical education experiences: physical exam within the past year, Hepatitis B series of vaccinations, 2 step PPD, current Tdap and influenza vaccinations, MMR vaccination x 2, rubella, rubeola, mumps and varicella titer, and 10-panel drug screen. All students must be immunized to complete the SLP curriculum sequence. Clinical site requirements are subject to change as affiliating organizations continue to develop more stringent requirements or timeframes. In addition, the affiliating organization may refuse placement of a student based upon failure to meet its requirements.