

# Speech-Language Pathology - Master of Arts, Master of Science

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## Admission Requirements

You must complete prerequisite coursework prior to beginning the graduate program in speech-language pathology. A description of necessary prerequisite courses can be found at the program webpage. Applicants are encouraged to have a preferred prerequisite GPA of at least 3.4 with a preferred overall GPA of at least 3.2 (4.0 scale). Prospective students may apply to our program via the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application System (CSDCAS.org). With your application you must submit:

1. Information about scholarships, awards, accomplishments, clinical observation/experience, leadership, volunteer, research and/or work experience,
2. three recommendations, and
3. a personal statement.

The graduate program in Speech Pathology provides academic study and extensive hands-on experience in a variety of settings. Students may pursue either a non-thesis (Master of Science, M.S.) or a thesis option (Master of Arts, M.A.) in Speech-Language Pathology. The degree program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

## Program Requirements

When you are admitted into the graduate program in speech pathology, you must maintain an overall GPA of 3.00. In addition, you may receive no more than two grades of C of any type for two required courses (not exceeding a total of six hours for both courses) at 500 level or above. You must also meet the requirements for academic and clinical knowledge and skills as required for certification in the profession of speech-language pathology as well as complete a thesis or a final research project.

## Program Requirements: Master of Arts

This program requires a minimum of 50 academic credit hours including 6 hours for completing a Master's thesis. For clinical licensure and certification, students will complete an additional 32 semester credit hours of clinical practicum and professional field experiences integrated throughout the curriculum.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPA 621	Neurogenic Language Disorders	3
SPA 622	Voice and Resonance Disorders	3

SPA 625	Best Practices for the School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist	3
SPA 627	Pediatric Language and Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPA 631	School Age Language and Literacy	3
SPA 633	Phonological and Articulation Disorders	3
SPA 635	Special Topics in Medical Speech-Language Pathology	2
SPA 638	Advanced Methods in Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
SPA 641	Advanced Studies in Fluency Therapy	2
SPA 651	Dysphagia across the Lifespan	3
SPA 653	Normal Deglutition Across the Lifespan	1
SPA 655	Cognition across the Lifespan	1
SPA 671	Neurogenic Cognitive Disorders	3
SPA 672	Seminar in Neuroanatomy	2
SPA 720	Seminar in Speech Disorders	1
SPA 612	Seminar on Childhood Apraxia of Speech	1

### Administrative Course

SPA 626	Seminar in Pediatric Documentation/Administration (Take twice)	1
SPA 656	Seminar in Adult Documentation/Administration	1

### Clinical Requirement

SPA 620	Advanced Clinical Practicum	1-8
SPA 750	Professional Field Experience (Take twice)	1-10

### Research Thesis

SPA 700	Research for Master's Thesis	6
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### Student Teaching

SPA 605	Speech, Language, Pathology & Audiology in School Setting	3-15
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**Total Credit Hours** **50-78**

## Program Requirements: Master of Science

This degree requires a minimum of 48 academic credit hours including a culminating graduate research experience. For clinical licensure and certification, students will complete an additional 32 semester credit hours of clinical practicum and professional field experiences integrated throughout the curriculum.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPA 614	Evidence Based Practice in Communication Sciences and Disorders	3
SPA 621	Neurogenic Language Disorders	3
SPA 622	Voice and Resonance Disorders	3
SPA 625	Best Practices for the School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist	3

SPA 612	Seminar on Childhood Apraxia of Speech	1
SPA 638	Advanced Methods in Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
SPA 655	Cognition across the Lifespan	1
SPA 627	Pediatric Language and Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPA 631	School Age Language and Literacy	3
SPA 633	Phonological and Articulation Disorders	3
SPA 641	Advanced Studies in Fluency Therapy	2
SPA 651	Dysphagia across the Lifespan	3
SPA 671	Neurogenic Cognitive Disorders	3
SPA 672	Seminar in Neuroanatomy	2
SPA 635	Special Topics in Medical Speech-Language Pathology	2
SPA 653	Normal Deglutition Across the Lifespan	1
SPA 720	Seminar in Speech Disorders	1
<b>Administrative Course</b>		
SPA 656	Seminar in Adult Documentation/Administration	1
SPA 626	Seminar in Pediatric Documentation/Administration (Take twice)	1,1
<b>Clinical Requirement</b>		
Complete each course twice.		
SPA 620	Advanced Clinical Practicum	1-8
SPA 750	Professional Field Experience	1-10
<b>Student Teaching</b>		
SPA 605	Speech, Language, Pathology & Audiology in School Setting	3-15
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>48-76</b>