

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

### Master of Science (M.S.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

<b>Program Admission Deadlines:</b>	
<b>Fall:</b>	February 1
<b>Minimum Total Hours:</b>	61
<b>Program Level:</b>	Masters
<b>CIP Code:</b>	51.0204
<b>Dept Code:</b>	CSD
<b>Program (Major/College):</b>	SPP BC

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>College:</b>	Behavioral & Community Sciences
<b>Department:</b>	Communication Sciences and Disorders
<b>Contact Information:</b>	<a href="http://www.grad.usf.edu">www.grad.usf.edu</a>
<b>Other Resources:</b>	<a href="http://www.usf4you">www.usf4you</a>

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is devoted to the study of normal and disordered human communication. Courses and clinical practice provide the student with principles, research methods and application of knowledge about the spectrum of verbal and non-verbal communication. Diagnosis and remediation of communicative problems dominate the clinical component of this course of study.

The Master of Science and Doctor of Audiology degrees offered through the Department are structured to meet the preparation requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for the Certificate of Clinical Competence.

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools. Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Major Research Areas:** n/a

#### ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

- completion of a set of pre-requisite courses, also required for state licensure and national certification in speech-language pathology,
- at least a 3.20 average on a 4.00 scale in all work attempted while registered as a upper division student working for a baccalaureate degree,
- minimum GRE scores: 52<sup>nd</sup> percentile (approx. 460) on the verbal portion OR the 52<sup>nd</sup> percentile (approx. 4) on the writing section AND the 32<sup>nd</sup> percentile (approx. 470) on the quantitative section, taken within five years preceding application
- three letters of recommendation
- a letter of intent and resume, and
- applicant must also demonstrate competency in communication skills as determined by the chairperson or delegate.

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All speech-language pathology majors must complete the following:

<b>Core Requirements</b>		<b>20 hours</b>
SPA 5408	Lang. Lrng in School-Age Year	(3)
SPA 5552	Diagnostic Principles and Practices	(3)
SPA 6410	Aphasia	(3)
SPA 6559	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	(3)
SPA 6571	Clinical Practice Issues in Comm. Dis.	(2)
SPA 6805	Research Procedures in Com & Dis	(3)
SPA 6930	Dysphagia	(3)

**Practicum** **23 hours**

Also, students will enroll in sufficient graduate clinical practicum (23 credits) to meet a minimum of 400 clock hours to fulfill the requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Of these hours, 25 hours must be in observation and at least 250 clock hours must be in speech-language pathology.

**Electives (Thesis or Non-thesis)** **18 hours**

With the department chairperson's approval, a student with an existing bachelor's degree and appropriate prerequisites may plan the degree program from among the following courses. Course selection is based on professional content areas within the discipline.

SPA 5150L	Speech Science Instrumentation	(3)
SPA 6232	Neuromotor Disorders of Speech	(3)
SPA 6930	TBI and Right Hemisphere Disorders	(3)
SPA 6245	Craniofacial Communication Disorders	(3)
SPA 6401	Pediatric Language Disorders	(3)
SPA 6403	Language Learning Disabilities	(3)
SPA 6473	Multicultural Differences in Language Use	(3)
SPA 5204	Advanced Clinical Phonology	(3)
SPA 6322	Aural Rehabilitation: Children	(3)
SPA 6910	Directed Research	(var)
SPA 6971	Thesis	(var)

**Thesis option**

In addition to nine (9) hours of coursework in the Professional Areas, each student must complete at least 1 hour of SPA 6910 (Directed Research) and a minimum of 8 hours of SPA 6971 (Thesis) and submit an approved thesis.

**Non-thesis option**

Each student must complete an additional eighteen (18) hours of coursework. Of these, at least twelve (12) hours must be from within a particular concentration area while six (6) hours may be selected from another concentration area. The specialized coursework for the non-thesis option will be selected with the assistance of an advisor.

**GPA and Comprehensive Exam Requirements**

Also required for graduation are the attainment of a 'B' or better in each graduate Speech-Language Pathology course, the attainment of clinical competence and a GPA of 3.0 in all coursework and clinical practica, satisfactory passage of a comprehensive examination

## COURSES

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>