What Speech-Language Pathologists Do

Speech-Language Pathologists are healthcare professionals who work in a variety of medical and educational settings including (but not limited to) hospitals, rehab agencies, schools, preschools, early intervention, private practice, and many more.

They work with children and adults who have communication and swallowing disorders, including stuttering, speech sound disorders, language disorders, social communication disorder, selective mutism, voice and resonance disorders, cognitive communication disorders, aphasia, dementia, learning disabilities, hearing impairments, and traumatic brain injury.

With an average salary exceeding $80,000, the field of speech-language pathology has been consistently rated among the best careers in the United States for over two decades.

The minimum requirements for certification and state licensure is a master’s degree in SLP.
Admissions Requirements

Why choose the UT Tyler Program?
The program offers a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum that integrates academic content with clinical practice; sufficient practicum sites; opportunities for interprofessional work and research with medical students and faculty; low tuition, close mentoring and advising, and many more advantages.

Application Requirements
- Bachelor’s in CSD (or other field, with all prerequisite coursework)
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate courses taken
- Minimum Overall GPA: 3.0
- Major (or prerequisite undergraduate coursework) minimum GPA of 3.0, with at least “B-” in each course
- GRE: minimum overall score: 300 (with min. Verbal Score of 150, min. Quantitative Score of 150, and min Writing of 3.5)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent/interest
- Personal interview
- Spontaneous written language sample

Curriculum (54 Credits Total)

FALL SEMESTER YEAR 1
- COMD 5352 Language Disorders in Children
- COMD 5350 Aphasia
- COMD 5360 Assessment and Diagnosis in SLP
- COMD 5354 Clinical Practicum – Initial

SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 1
- COMD 5353 Lang. Disorders in Children K-12
- COMD 5362 Speech Sound Disorders
- COMD 5359 Research Methods
- COMD 5355 Clinical Practicum - Advanced

SUMMER YEAR 1
- COMD 5358 Dysphagia and Feeding
- COMD 5357 Augmentative & Alternative Com
- COMD 5351 Cognitive Com. Disorders
- COMD 5355 Advanced Clinical Practicum

FALL SEMESTER YEAR 2
- COMD 5361 Motor Speech Disorders
- COMD 5367 Aural Rehabilitation
- COMD 5363 Voice and Resonance Disorders
- COMD 5355 Clinical Practicum- Advanced

SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 2
- COMD 5364 Fluency Disorders
- COMD 5365 Capstone in SLP
- COMD 5366 Special Topics in SLP
- COMD 5355 Clinical Practicum - Advanced

Additional Information

Prerequisites at Time of Application
- Introduction to CSD
- A&P of Speech, Language, and Hearing
- Speech & Hearing Science
- Language Acquisition and Development
- Phonetics
- Clinical Procedures and Observation in SLP (with 25 observation hours)
- Introduction to Audiology
- Neurological Foundations of Speech, Language and Hearing
- Biology (Intro or General; 100-level)
- Chemistry OR Physics (100-level)
- Statistics (Elementary level)
- Develop. Psych, Child Psych, OR Lifespan psy
- Linguistics

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