

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY - M.A.

College of Education Health and Human Services

School of Health Sciences

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Kent Campus

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Description

The Master of Arts degree in Speech Language Pathology educates competent speech-language pathologists to critically evaluate communication disorders and the methods used in the habilitation and rehabilitation of those disorders.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Accreditation

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university¹ for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 82 MELAB score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

¹ The bachelor's degree may not necessarily be in the areas of speech-language pathology and/or audiology. However, students wishing to enter the master's degree who have neither completed an undergraduate degree in speech-language pathology and audiology, nor possess the necessary prerequisite coursework, are required to complete that coursework.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Effectively communicate knowledge and interact with diverse populations (age, culture, disability).
2. Collect, analyze, synthesize and apply research and data regarding the nature, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of communication disorders throughout the lifespan and across cultures.
3. Engage in the development and implementation of research-based and ethical prevention, assessment, diagnostic and treatment plans for individuals with a variety of communication disorders throughout the lifespan.

Program Requirements

major requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
SPA 64301	APHASIA	3
SPA 64302	LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD	3
SPA 64303	DISORDERS OF ARTICULATION AND PHONOLOGY	3
SPA 64304	ACQUIRED COGNITIVE COMMUNICATIVE IMPAIRMENTS	3
SPA 64305	FLUENCY DISORDERS	3
SPA 64306	VOICE DISORDERS	2
SPA 64308	LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION WITH SCHOOL-AGE POPULATIONS	3
SPA 64311	AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS	2
SPA 64312	MOTOR SPEECH DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS	3
SPA 64354	PEDIATRIC MEDICAL ISSUES	2
SPA 64356	ADULT DYSPHAGIA	3
SPA 64391	SEMINAR:SEMINAR: ARTICULATION AND PHONOLOGY	1
SPA 64500	NORMAL LANGUAGE PROCESSES	3
SPA 64504	ADVANCED SPEECH AND VOICE SCIENCE	3
SPA 64600	RESEARCH METHODS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY	3
SPA 64891	SEMINAR:COMMUNICATION MODALITIES AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		43

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 3.000 overall GPA

Clinical Settings

For any clinical practicum (on campus or off campus) in speech pathology or audiology that requires candidates to be placed within the on-campus speech and hearing clinics, school or agency setting, the college requires candidates to complete Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check and submit the results to authorized personnel at their assigned clinic/school/agency before the beginning of their placement or the first day of the semester in which the practicum will take place. Authorized school/agency personnel will determine whether a candidate may participate in practicum in the off-campus setting. The BCII and FBI

background checks are good for one year and the candidates will need to complete one each year that they are in graduate school.

Electronic fingerprinting is available for BCII and FBI in 221 White Hall and should be completed one month prior to clinical practicum. Candidates are responsible for fees incurred for this requirement. For more information on this policy contact the Clinical Coordinators for the Speech and Hearing Clinics. Visit the Ohio Department of Education website for more information about background check requirements for those wishing to hold pupil personnel licenses in Ohio. Contact the Office of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education for specific information about the results of the background check.

Licensure Information

Candidates seeking Speech-Language Pathologist licensure are required to pass Praxis II test Speech-Language Pathology and minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in the practice of speech language pathology. Additional clinical coursework is required for Ohio Board of Speech Pathology License and optional ASHA certification.