

Bachelor of Arts Speech and Hearing

INFORMATION

The Department of Health Sciences offers a program in Speech and Hearing for students who wish to enter the profession of speech-language pathology and/or audiology. These professions focus on the identification and treatment of communication disorders across the lifespan. Speech-language pathology and audiology are related professions that require knowledge of biology, psychology, sociology, and linguistics.

Speech-language pathologists work with people who have a variety of communication disorders: persons who cannot produce speech sounds adequately; who have speech rhythm and fluency disorders, such as stuttering; individuals with voice disorders, such as inappropriate pitch or harsh voice; those with problems understanding and producing language; those who wish to improve their communication skills by modifying an accent; and those with cognitive communication impairments, such as attention, memory and problem-solving disorders. They also work with individuals who have swallowing difficulties. Through caring faculty, the program at Cleveland State University provides an excellent pre-professional foundation that prepares students for professional training at the master's and doctoral levels.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Bachelor degree graduates of the program go on to pursue a graduate degree. Cleveland State University offers the master's degree in speech-

language pathology, which is required to work in all settings serving individuals with communication disorders. The entry level for audiologists is a clinical doctorate (AuD.).

Speech-language pathologists are employed in educational settings, public schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care services, outpatient care centers, facilities serving the developmentally delayed population, physicians offices and private practice.

The demand for speech-language pathologists is expected to be high. The combination of growth and expanded services in the occupation plus an expected increase in the number of senior citizens over the coming years will create excellent job opportunities for speech-language pathologists. Opportunities will be particularly favorable for those with an ability to speak a second language.

PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPEECH AND HEARING:

This is a pre-professional program requiring 40 credit hours of core courses in speech and hearing. An integral aspect of the program is the Cleveland State University Speech and Hearing Clinic, an on-campus clinic providing assessment and intervention for individuals across the lifespan with speech-language-cognitive and audiological disorders.

Undergraduate students who have completed required course work

participate in the on-campus clinic under the direct supervision of a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist.

Students entering a graduate program in speech-language pathology are expected to have completed six undergraduate credits of basic sciences and/or mathematics and six credits of social/behavioral sciences. Engaged learning experiences are encouraged and include the Student Academic and Research Support (STARS) mentoring program, research with nationally recognized faculty, and internship opportunities. A program is also offered at the graduate level which leads to Professional Pupil Services Licensure, preparing graduates to work in the public schools. An Honors Program is also available for majors with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

A speech and hearing minor requires 18 credit hours of specified speech and hearing courses. The student organization NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association) is affiliated with the national organization and is open to all speech and hearing majors. All students receive individual advising.

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Requirements of the College of Science: A minimum of 128 credit hours is required for a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, of which 42 semester credit hours must be earned in 300- and/or 400- level courses. Introduction to University Life (one credit hour) is required for all newly admitted freshmen (not required for transfer students).

General Education Requirements: All degree-seeking students are required to meet general education requirements. Students are responsible for ensuring that courses chosen satisfy these requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor. A comprehensive description of the requirements is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened/>.

Required Courses for the B.A. in Speech and Hearing (credit hours in parentheses):

Core Courses (40 credit hours):

- SPH 228 Phonetics (3)
 - SPH 231 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)
 - SPH 232 Introduction to Audiology (3)
 - SPH 251 American Sign Language I (4)
 - SPH 335 Clinical Methods in Communication Disorders (3)
 - SPH 349 Speech and Language Development for Majors (3)
 - SPH 351 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (3)
 - SPH 431 Basic Speech-Language Disorders (4)
 - SPH 434 Clinical Practicum in Speech-Language Disorders (1-3)
 - SPH 438 Dialect Differences in the Schools (2) (or comparable course recommended by Speech and Hearing Advisor)
 - SPH 481 Aural Rehabilitation (3)
 - SPH 482 Audiometry (3)
 - SPH 485 Speech and Hearing Science (3)
 - SPH 486 Clinical Practicum in Audiology (1)
 - SPH 497 Senior Capstone Portfolio (1)
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Speech and Hearing Minor (minimum of 18 credit hours):

Required Courses:

- SPH 228 Phonetics (3)
- SPH 229 Speech and Language Development (3) (or SPH 349 Speech and Language Development for Majors)
- SPH 231 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)
- SPH 232 Introduction to Audiology (3)

TWO of the Following Courses:

- SPH 351 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (3)
- SPH 431 Basic Speech-Language Disorders (4)
- SPH 438 Dialect Differences in the Schools (2)
- SPH 481 Aural Rehabilitation (3)
- SPH 482 Audiometry (3)
- SPH 485 Speech and Hearing Science (3)

A minor in speech and hearing is especially valuable for students majoring in education, special education, or the health-care professions.

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