Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Classified Graduate Students, Program in Communicative Disorders Entering Fall 2023: Course Road Map

Meets Requirements for:

- California Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential (SLPSC)
- Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech- Language-Hearing Association
- California State Licensure

The speech-language pathology curriculum is designed to train competent, culturally sensitive speech-language pathologists who can appreciate and understand the importance of research in clinical practice. In order to accomplish this goal, a multitude of academic and clinical experiences are provided to the students, under the direction of skilled instructors, clinical researchers and supervisors both on and off campus. The development of clinical skills requires academic knowledge, the ability to understand and engage in research, and a sensitivity to clients' needs, values and cultures.

The SLHS department curriculum includes all academic and clinical experiences necessary for American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) certification in speech-language pathology, State of California Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential (SLPSC), and the State of California license to practice speech-language pathology. Students are required to complete all academic courses. The practice of speech-language pathology in the state of California requires a license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee Medical Board of California. Exempted settings are public schools and federal facilities. The academic and clinical requirements for the state license are similar to those of ASHA requirements in speech-language pathology.

Academic courses totaling 38 units are required for the Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology. Clinical practica total 6 units. Internships totaling 14 units are based on the number of experiences necessary for the student to obtain the 375 clinical clock hours plus 25 observation hours required for ASHA certification and California state licensure. Students should plan to complete these requirements over a minimum of 5 full-time semesters, which includes a summer session. The program is delivered in a face-to-face/residential modality, with modifications available to students in internship placements located outside of the San Francisco Bay Area (during the second year of the program).

Students who wish to pursue a specialization may need to take up to 15 additional units, which will result in an additional one to two semesters of graduate work. Please see our Specialized Training page for more information: https://slhs.sfsu.edu/specialized-training.

Year 1									
First Semester: Fall	Date completed	Advisor initials	Second Semester: Spring	Date completed	Advisor initials				
SLHS 701: Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices in Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences			SPED 743: Issues in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (or if an undergraduate course in AAC has been completed, in fall take SPED 746: Teaching Individuals with Physical and Other Health Impairments Or SLHS 755: Stuttering						

SLHS 754: Voice and Resonance	SLHS 709: Speech Sound Production	
SLHS 708: Seminar in Adult Neurogenics of Language	SLHS 710: Dysphagia	
SLHS 703: Research Methods, Evidence-Based Practices, and Professional Issues	SLHS 756: Right Hemisphere Syndrome, TBI, Dementia in Communicative Disabilities	
SLHS 714 #2: Interprofessional Education & Family-Centered Practice (1 unit; take twice)	SLHS 714 #2: Interprofessional Education & Family-Centered Practice (1 unit; take twice)	
SLHS 880 + 713 - #1 Advanced Communication Therapy + Seminar in Therapy	SLHS 880 + 713 - #2 Advanced Communication Therapy + Seminar in Therapy	
Third Semester: Summer		

SLHS 707: Serving School Communities in Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences

SLHS 702: Social Communication Development

	Year 2								
Fourth Semester: Fall	Date completed	Advisor initials	Fifth Semester: Spring	Date completed	Advisor initials				
SLHS 712: Internship			SLHS 712: Internship						
Workshop Seminar:			Workshop Seminar:						
Communicative Disabilities			Communicative Disabilities (1						
(1 unit) (Take twice,			unit) (Take twice, concurrent						
concurrent with SLHS 882)			with SLHS 882)						
SLHS 882: Internship in			SLHS 882: Internship in						
Communicative Disorders (6			Communicative Disorders (6						
units) (Take twice,			units) (Take twice, concurrent						
concurrent with SLHS712)			with SLHS 712)						
SLHS 757: Aural			SLHS 706: Counseling						
Rehabilitation (if not taken									
already – be sure to submit									
ATC course substitution									
form)									
SPED 746: Issues			SLHS 755: Stuttering (if not						
in Augmentative and			taken earlier in program)						
Alternative Communication									
Or									
SLHS 755: Stuttering									