

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Each applicant will submit a resume, personal statement, writing sample, three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).

Students must be accepted by the Penn State University Graduate School. After admission to the Graduate School, students may register for courses.

Applicants have two options to qualify for program admission review:

1. A bachelor's degree with a CSD major from an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. Students with a bachelor's degree in an area other than CSD are required to complete specific foundational classes in CSD prior to admission to the graduate SLP program. Students can complete these classes through a bridge or pre-certification program. Foundational coursework must be completed in the following areas: phonetics; speech science; speech sound disorders; clinical observation (25 hours); typical language development; anatomy, neurology, and physiology for CSD; audiology; and aural rehabilitation.

Other Admission Prerequisites:

- Consistent with rules set forth by the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA), students are also required to complete undergraduate coursework in biological sciences (BIO - no lab required), social/behavioral sciences (PSYCH or SOC or ANTH), physical sciences (CHEM or PHYS- no lab required), and a dedicated course in statistics prior to admission. Students who are only missing one of those foundational courses may be given special consideration for admission. This will be completed on a case-by-case basis.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA overall and in prerequisite coursework. Special consideration may be given to competitive students on a case-by-case basis.
- A minimum 2.5 GPA on prerequisite science coursework (BIO and CHEM/PHYS). Special consideration may be given to competitive students on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants must have completed undergraduate courses in the following areas:

Code	Title	Credits
	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	3
	Introduction to Audiology	3
	Aural Rehabilitation	3
	Clinical Phonetics	3

Normal Language Development	3
Acoustic Principles in CSD	3
Introduction to Disorders of Articulation and Phonology	3
Statistics	3
Biological Sciences	3
Physical Sciences	3
Behavioral and/or Social Sciences	3

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.