

Q: What is the mission of Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology?

A: Our mission is to facilitate life-long learning in the areas of normal and disordered communication processes, to foster the appreciation of communication differences within multicultural environments, to conduct formal and informal research to expand the profession's knowledge base, and to train ethical, competent, and caring clinicians.

Q: Is the CSD graduate program accredited?

A: Yes. Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Q: Do you have a graduate program in audiology?

A: No, however Southeastern's graduate faculty includes certified audiologists who are committed to preparing SLPs who can successfully implement all hearing-related aspects of their scope of practice. Collaboration with audiologists is encouraged. For more information, visit the following links: <http://www.asha.org/about/publications/leader-online/archives/2005/050614/f050614c2.htm>, <http://www.asha.org/about/publications/leader-online/archives/2005/050614/f050614c1.htm>, <http://www.thieme-connect.com/ejournals/abstract/sih/doi/10.1055/s-2005-922446>

Q: How do I apply for admission to Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology?

A: Use the online application at the following link:

https://www.selu.edu/future_students/apply/g_app.php This form is used to apply to BOTH Southeastern's College of Graduate Studies AND the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. A \$20 application fee is required.

Q: When should I apply?

A: Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology has two application cycles per year. The deadline for fall admission is March 1. The deadline for spring admission is October 1. Students currently enrolled in undergraduate programs may apply during their final undergraduate semester.

Q: What are the admission requirements for Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology?

A: The minimum requirements for consideration are located at the following link:

http://www.selu.edu/acad_research/depts/csd/grad_degree/index.html Please click the "Admission Criteria" link in the menu on the right.

Q: Where can I find the letter of reference forms?

A: Letter of reference forms are available for download at this link:

http://www.selu.edu/acad_research/depts/csd/grad_degree/index.html Please click the "Letter of Reference" link in the menu on the right.

Q: Does admission to the MS program in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders require an interview?

A: No, but we will gladly meet with prospective students. To schedule a visit, contact Dr. Lillian Stiegler at lstiegler@selu.edu or 985-549-2214.

Q: How much is tuition?

A: Learn about tuition and fees at the following link:

<http://www.selu.edu/admin/controller/students/tuition/index.html>

Q: May I apply if my undergraduate degree was not in speech-language pathology?

A: Yes, students from other degree programs are encouraged to apply. Non-background students will take a total of 8 undergraduate prerequisite courses (24 credit hours). Once a student has completed 9 hours of pre-requisite work, introductory graduate courses may be taken concurrently with undergraduate pre-requisite courses.

Q: How many people apply each year?

A: During the past 3 years, approximately 100-120 individuals have applied each year. Approximately 80% of applicants meet the minimum criteria for consideration.

Q: How many applicants are admitted each year?

A: Approximately 25 individuals per year are admitted to Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology.

Q: How many students are in the graduate program?

A: At any given time, there are approximately 55 graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, at various stages of completion.

Q: Might I have coursework deficiencies to make up?

A: Most students with an undergraduate degree in communication sciences & disorders will have the necessary coursework. ASHA certification policy requires at least one 3-credit, undergraduate course in each of the following areas: physical science, biological science, mathematics, and social/behavioral science.

Q: Where should I send my application materials?

A: All materials should be sent to Southeastern Louisiana University, Office of Admissions, Box 10752, Hammond, LA 70402, attention: Ms. Sandra Meyers (smeyers@selu.edu, 985-549-5620)

Q: Will you contact me if parts of my application packet are missing?

A: The Office of Admissions will attempt to contact you if materials are missing from your file. However, it is your responsibility to ensure that all materials reach Southeastern by the deadline of your targeted admission cycle (March 1st or October 1st of any year). To inquire about applications, fees, transcripts, GRE scores or immunization records, contact Ms. Sandra Meyers at smeyers@selu.edu or 985-549-5620. To inquire about letters of reference, contact Dr. Lillian Stiegler, CSD Graduate Coordinator, at lstiegler@selu.edu or 985-549-2214.

Q: What does "Alternate Status" mean?

A: Sometimes, due to limited openings in the program, the CSD Graduate Admissions Committee is unable to offer regular admission to all suitable applicants. If you receive notification that you have been selected as an alternate, this means that the committee would like to offer you regular admission if an opening becomes available. Alternates will be notified, one way or the other, within 4-6 weeks of the original letter.

Q: Is it possible to attend Southeastern's MS program in Speech-Language Pathology part time?

A: Yes. Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete the program. Graduate advisors will work with part time students to tailor a program that will meet their needs, within reasonable limits.

Q: Are classes offered in the evening or during the day?

A: Each semester, both daytime and evening classes are offered. (For non-background students, undergraduate prerequisite courses are typically offered during the day only.)

Q: How long is the program?

A: Students with a speech-language pathology background typically finish in two and one-half years including summers. Non-background students typically finish in three and one-half years including summers.

Q: What are the opportunities for clinical experience?

A: Graduate students will acquire one or two semesters of practicum experience in Southeastern's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic under the close supervision of our full time, certified clinical faculty. Intermediate and advanced clinical training occurs in the field. Southeastern has contracts with numerous hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, school systems, nursing homes and outpatient clinics within a 60-mile radius of campus. Student clinicians will experience one field-based placement dedicated to pediatrics, one dedicated to adults, and a final, advanced "specialty clinic" intended to allow the student to explore the population and/or clinical environment of her/his choice. University liaisons work closely with field-based supervisors to ensure that each student meets/exceeds the quantity and diversity of contact hours required by ASHA for certification.

Q: Does your program provide financial assistance?

A: Yes. Applicants may visit the following link for financial assistance information regarding loans and scholarships: https://www.selu.edu/future_students/scholar_finaid/index.html In addition, many graduate assistantship (GA) positions are available in departments campus-wide. These are student jobs that require 20 hours of work per week in various campus departments. These positions provide a tuition waiver (including out-of-state) plus a small monthly stipend. To learn more, access the following link: http://www.selu.edu/current_students/resources/sen/ and contact the College of Graduate Studies at jrcalmes@selu.edu or 985-549-2103.

Q: Does Southeastern have its own chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA)?

A: Yes. Southeastern's NSSLHA chapter is well known for its dedication to the professional development of its members. Attending the annual ASHA convention is a priority, and members typically seek/receive financial support from their academic college, department, student

government association, and various other campus and community entities. Our NSSLHA chapter also regularly engages master clinicians and other professionals to lecture on topics of specific interest. In 2004, Southeastern's NSSLHA chapter was honored as National Chapter of the Year.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have a specific question not addressed in this FAQ?

A: Contact CSD Graduate Coordinator Dr. Lillian Stiegler at lstiegler@selu.edu or 985-549-2214.