



Master of Health Science in Speech-Language Pathology *(Fall 2025)*



November 8, 2022: *Approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia*

Program Mission:

To prepare students with the clinical acumen necessary for professional employment as an entry-level speech-language pathology clinician demonstrated by a collaborative therapeutic skillset to improve the quality of life of individuals with speech-language-communication and swallowing therapy needs.

Program Details:



- ✓ Cohort of 22 graduate students
- ✓ 28 new courses
- ✓ 95% face-to-face and 5% on-line
- ✓ Full-time program, lock-step model
- ✓ Application window will open Fall 2024 via CSDCAS
- ✓ 72 credit hours
- ✓ Six semesters (2 years)



Program Highlights:

- **ONLY** University System of Georgia institution affiliated with an academic health center.
- One-of-a-kind curriculum to include SLPP 6600 Head and Neck Cancer and SLPP 6000 Anatomy of the Head and Neck, a lecture/cadaver lab course for reflective hands-on learning.
- Lab training opportunities using professional grade Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and Voice Lab equipment.
- Experiential learning to practice clinical skills at the on-campus 40,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art Interdisciplinary Simulation Center (ISC).
- Interprofessional Education (IPE) opportunities with occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, physician assistant, dietician, and medical students.
- White coat ceremony to officially mark a student's transition into the world of healthcare.
- We envision our program as a leader of inclusive excellence by recruiting and retaining diverse instructors and students who reflect our ever-evolving global society.

Accreditation:

The Master of Health Science in Speech-Language Pathology at Augusta University is an applicant for candidacy by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071.



Applicant Information:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. A Communication Sciences & Disorders undergraduate major is not required; however, some applicants may need to complete additional prerequisite coursework.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA average of last 60 credit hours
- GRE is NOT required
- CASPer (online, open-response situational judgment test)
- Writing sample
- Resume
- Pre-interview (on-line)
- In-person interview

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Applicants will submit an official transcript verifying an earned undergraduate degree from an accredited institution AND official transcripts from an accredited institution(s) of the following **FIVE prerequisite courses with an earned *grade of B or better* within the past FIVE years prior to applying to the program. All FIVE prerequisites MUST be approved by program admissions as equivalent/accepted prerequisite courses from an accredited institution.**

**FIVE
PREREQUISITE
COURSES &
25 OBSERVATION HOURS
ARE
REQUIRED!**

Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology <u>OR</u> Speech and Hearing Science	3
Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism with Neuroanatomy	3
Phonetics	3
Speech and Language Development	3
Introduction to Audiology	3
Effective Date: January 1, 2020	
According to the ASHA Knowledge Outcomes (Standard IV-A) from the 2020 Standards and Implementation Procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology, the following two courses are required prior to applying to the graduate program:	
Statistics	3
Physics <u>OR</u> Chemistry	3

- Documentation of a minimum **25 hours** of guided clinical observation hours of professionals who hold the CCC-SLP. In-person observations are encouraged across a variety of settings and disorders. Documentation **MUST INCLUDE** CCC-SLP signature AND ASHA # of each observed CCC-SLP.

▲ Graduates will obtain 400 clinical clock hours required for graduation supervised by American Speech-Hearing Association (ASHA) certified clinical supervisors, a requirement for full eligibility to complete the Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY).

▲ Graduates will be well prepared for the Praxis Exam in Speech-Language Pathology required for state licensure.

▲ Graduates will demonstrate professional practice competencies leading to the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP), a nationally recognized certification required for employment.

▲ Graduates will be eligible for professional state licensure by the Georgia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and the Georgia Educator Certificate in the field of speech-language pathology by the Georgia Board of Education.

▲ SLP graduates will improve community health by increasing the provision of highly qualified, entry-level speech-language pathologists to fill the state and nationwide critical shortage.

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