



CSD Graduate Program Frequently Asked Questions

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 a certified audiologist who is committed to preparing SLPs who can successfully implement all hearing-related aspects of their scope of practice. Collaboration with audiologists is encouraged.

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:

<http://www.southeastern.edu/apply/graduate/index.html>

This form is used to apply to BOTH Southeastern Louisiana University AND the Communication Sciences & Disorders program within the Department of Health and Human Sciences. A \$20 application fee is required.

Other materials required for admission include:

1. 3 Letters of Reference
2. Writing Sample responding to the prompt located under Admission Requirements and Criteria at the following link:
http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/hhs/grad_prg/csd/admissions/index.html
3. Resume’

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 1st. The **deadline** for spring admission is October 1st.

- Students currently enrolled in undergraduate programs may apply during their final undergraduate semester.
- All materials must be **received** in our office by the deadline.

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.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/hhs/grad_prg/csd/admissions/index.html

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

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

http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/hhs/grad_prg/csd/admissions/index.html

Please click the "Letters of Reference Forms" link under: 4. Letter of Reference

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

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

Q: How much is tuition?

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

<http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/controller/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). These 8 prerequisite courses include: CSD 201, 205, 212, 213, 309, 327, 328, 415 and can be taken as a full time graduate student. You may take some of these courses prior to being accepted into the graduate program.

Q: How many people apply each year?

A: During the past 3 years, approximately 180-200 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 30 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 65 graduate students in the Communication Sciences & Disorders program, 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 (Chemistry/Physics), Biological Science, Mathematics, and Social/Behavioral Science.

Q: Where should I send my application materials?

A: Applications, Fees, GRE Scores, Immunization Records, and Transcripts should be sent directly to:

Graduate Admissions
North Campus Main Building
SLU Box 10752
Hammond, LA 70402

Letters of Reference, Writing Sample, and Resume should be sent directly to:

Graduate Coordinator, CSD
Southeastern Louisiana University
SLU Box 10863
Hammond, LA 70402

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

A: 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. Erin Lauderdale in admissions at Erin.Lauderdale@selu.edu or 985-549-5619. To inquire about Letters of Reference, Writing Sample, or Resume contact Dr. Rebecca Parker, CSD Graduate Coordinator, at Rebecca.parker@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 within 4-6 weeks of the original letter.

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. Clinical practica take place during the day.

Q: Are classes offered online?

A: Very few classes are 100% online. Periodically, some classes may be offered in a 50% online format.

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: No. However, applicants may visit the following link for financial assistance information regarding loans and scholarships: http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/fin_aid/ In addition, graduate assistantship (GA) positions are available to students admitted with regular graduate status 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 links:

http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/programs/grad_school/financial_aid/grad_asst/index.html and https://jobs.selu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp or contact the Human Resources Office at 985-549-2308.

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. For more information access the following link:

http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/hhs/ug_prg/csd/stud_org/

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

A: Contact CSD Graduate Coordinator Dr. Rebecca Parker at Rebecca.parker@selu.edu or 985-549-2214.

Q: If I do not meet the minimum requirements can I still apply?

A: If you do not meet at least the minimum requirements for admission, your application will not be viewed by our department for possible acceptance.