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AUDIOLOGY (AU.D.) & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

ACADEMIC AND CAREER INFORMATION

NATURE OF THE WORK, EARNINGS, AND OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK

Audiologists are healthcare professionals who provide patient-centered care in the prevention, identification, diagnosis, and evidence-based treatment of hearing, balance, and other b8)-3 565.65792 re3 11 10/1/15

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

A minimum 3.0 GPA is typically required for admission, although average GPAs may be higher.

Audiology: General undergraduate course prerequisites include human biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, statistics, social/behavioral sciences, and English. Courses in communication sciences and disorders relevant to the study of audiology are strongly encouraged. The most common undergraduate major for accepted applicants is in communication and speech disorders.

Speech-Language Pathology: Due to the high amount of required prerequisite coursework prior to admission to a master's program, an undergraduate major in speech-language pathology is highly recommended but not required. Students must fulfill basic science requirements and undergraduate courses in communication sciences and disorders. Basic science requirements include at least one course in statistics, physical science, biological science, and behavioral science. SLP undergraduate courses can be fulfilled while completing a major in SLP or through the completion of prerequisites. The amount of required prerequisite courses ranges depending on the program: typically, between 8 – 18 courses are required before admission into a Master's program. Some common prerequisites include speech science, phonetics, anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing mechanism, development of speech and language,

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Many programs require 1-4 letters of letters of recommendation as part of the admissions process. If references are required, select individuals who meet the program's requirements; know the student well; and can speak to maturity, dependability, dedication, compassion, communication skills, leadership, and any hands on experience in the field.

ADMISSIONS: All prerequisite courses must be completed by time of matriculation. Applications can be submitted directly to institutions. The Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) is another option for applying to many programs in one place.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- < [ASHA information for prospective students](#)
- < [EdFind 8\(a\)Tm0 g0 G0.00072.025 606.7 191.83 0.75 r3.e36](#)