Candidacy

The Master’s of Science program in Speech-Language Pathology at Stony Brook University of the State University of New York is a Candidate for Accreditation 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 or 301-296-5700. Candidacy is a “pre-accreditation” status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of five (5) years.

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The mission of the Masters in Speech-Language Pathology program is to develop exceptional speech-language pathologists dedicated to positively impacting their communities through service, ethical and evidence-based practices, and advocacy and scholarship. In order to achieve this, we are committed to educate our students to become clinical practitioners, teachers and researchers in communication and swallowing disorders. The students will engage in team-based and problem-based learning experiences and provide services to individuals with communication disorders under expert faculty supervision while learning about integrating theory into clinical practice in a variety of medical and educational settings. Graduates from the program will be known for their commitment to lifelong learning, high standards of professional behavior, collaborative practices, sensitivity to human diversity, and their ability and willingness to use their knowledge and skills to enrich the lives of others.

**Applications are received through the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) for Clinical Education in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. You are required to complete the common application at [https://portal.csdcas.org](https://portal.csdcas.org). The deadline for applications to Stony Brook University Master of Speech-Language Pathology program is February 1.**

**Admission Requirements**

- Students must have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application to the program. Students must submit an official transcript(s) from all higher education institutions the student attended.

- Students who have not received undergraduate training in speech-language pathology/communication sciences and disorders are required first to complete a minimum of 12 credits in undergraduate prerequisite courses or their equivalent (Phonetics, Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism, Typical Speech and Language Development, and Speech Science), as approved by the program.

- Students have to complete at least one course with a grade of C or higher in the following courses: Biology, Social Sciences, Statistics and either Chemistry or Physics. These areas are indicated in the Knowledge and Skills Assessment. (KASA form Area IV-A) ([http://www.asha.org/certification/2020-slp-certification-standards/](http://www.asha.org/certification/2020-slp-certification-standards/)).

- Students must submit two recommendation letters.

- Students must complete an admission essay included within the application.

- Students must complete a successful interview with the SLP interview committee.

**Program Description**

The Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program leading to a M.S. degree is housed in the School of Health Technology and Management (SHTM), at Stony Brook University’s Southampton location. It is a comprehensive and rigorous program which prepares students for positions in a variety of settings.

Students will engage in:
- clinical practice.
- receive invaluable clinical experiences.
- clinical simulations.
- interprofessional practice experiences.
- training in adult and child facilities.
- team and problem-based learning.
- services to individuals with communication disorders.

The degree program is offered in a traditional weekday format and there is a cohort model which fosters camaraderie among students.

The graduate curriculum will include:
- coursework in assessment and intervention of speech, language, and swallowing disorders.
- foundations of speech-language pathology, and professional and ethical practice competencies.

The program will provide:
- evidence-based practice.
- problem-based learning.
- innovative clinical training methods.
- interprofessional education and practice.
- observation and interaction with patients.