



M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Division of Communication Sciences & Disorders

A full-time, two-year professional degree program (60 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The five-semester, blended Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program assists persons in acquiring the skills and knowledge needed for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) are responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with speech, language, cognitive, voice, feeding and swallowing disorders.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution in speech and language pathology or a related area with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of undergraduate courses in Biological Science, Physical Science, Social/Behavioral Science, and Statistics with grade of "B" or better.
- 7 required speech and language pathology prerequisite courses with a grade of "B" or better.

Prerequisites	
SLP 400	Intro to Communication Disorders
SLP 401	Normal Speech & Language Development
SLP 402	Speech and Hearing Anatomy and Physiology
SLP 403	Audiology
SLP 404	Phonetics
SLP 405	Speech Science
SLP 406	Observation in Communication Disorders

If an applicant completed a bachelor's degree in a related area and has not completed the required prerequisite courses, they must first enroll in those courses before applying to the MS degree in CSDCAS. Shenandoah offers these prerequisite undergraduate courses for [visiting students](#) and is developing an undergraduate certificate to assist in the completion of the required courses.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completed CSDCAS application
- Transcripts from all institutions attended
- Minimum of 25 hours of guided clinical observation under a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist
- Submit three letters of recommendation that indicate the applicant's ability to participate in the rigors of graduate school from an academic professional at the undergraduate or graduate level who can directly speak to your academic ability. You may also include additional letters that speak to the traits applicants possess to be a future allied health practitioner. This includes persons who were the applicant's former or current research supervisors, clinical supervisors, or ASHA-certified speech pathologists who can speak to your characteristics, skills, and abilities.
- Personal Statement
- Selected applications will participate in a virtual interview with current faculty members and/or community partners. This interview is designed to allow the applicant the opportunity to explain why they think they would be a great addition to the MS-SLP program.

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Fall 2027

Courses begin in August

Admission Deadline

Final Deadline: June 1, 2027

Applications will continue to be accepted after the priority deadline on a space-available basis until the cohort is full.

Format/Location

Hybrid

On-campus at Loudoun: First three semesters
Online: Last two semesters with in-person clinical requirements (400 clock hours)

Required Tests

No required entrance exams

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to the Centralized Application Service for Communication Sciences and Disorders Programs at <https://csdcas.cas.myliaison.com/>

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CAMPUS LOCATION



Loudoun

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The Master of Science (MS-SLP) education program in speech-language pathology (residential) at Shenandoah University 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 "preaccreditation" status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of 5 years.

CURRICULUM

Fall Semester 1	
SLP 507	Foundations of Clinical Practicum (1)
SLP 512	Neuroanatomy & Physiology (3)
SLP 513	Early Intervention (2)
SLP 514	Phonology and Articulation Disorders (3)
SLP 515	Aphasia and Right Hemisphere Disorders (2)
SLP 516	Foundations of Counseling (2)
SLP 517	Differential Diagnosis (2)
Spring Semester 1	
SLP 508	Clinical Practicum I (1)
SLP 518	Language Disorders in School-Age Populations (2)
SLP 519	Cognitive-Linguistic Disorders in Adults (2)
SLP 520	Research in Communication Disorders (3)
SLP 521	Dysphagia (3)
SLP 522	Autism and Neurodiversity (3)
Summer Semester 1	
SLP 509	Clinical Practicum II (1)
SLP 523	Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2)
SLP 524	Multicultural Populations (3)
	Elective (3) and Elective (2-3)
Fall Semester 2	
SLP 510	Advanced Clinical Practicum I (2)
SLP 525	Motor Speech Disorders (3)
SLP 526	Voice Disorders in Speech Pathology (3)
SLP 527	Aural Rehabilitation (3)
Spring Semester 2	
SLP 511	Advanced Clinical Practicum II (2)
SLP 528	Fluency Disorders (2)
SLP 529	Professional Issues, Advocacy & Ethics in Speech Pathology (2)
SLP 530	Capstone Project (3)

Students are required to complete 55 course semester hours and 5 elective semester hours.

Some elective options include: SLP 531 Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Disorders, SLP 532 Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders, and SLP 534 Medical Speech Pathology. Students can also take GEL (HP550) a department sponsored only course.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Loudoun, located in Leesburg, VA, is on the campus of Loudoun Hospital, a nationally recognized hospital, which is part of the Inova Health System. Leesburg is part of the Northern Virginia metropolitan area - an area that offers access to the Dulles International Airport, the Potomac River, restaurants, shopping, and is 40 minutes northwest of Washington, DC.

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The mission of the Shenandoah University Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders (SUCSD) is to: educate, train, and inspire, culturally responsive future speech-language pathologists, to ultimately improve the communication, swallowing, education and overall health of individuals and communities.

The vision of SUCSD is to nurture an environment for culturally responsive and evidence-based researchers, practitioners, and students to engage in diverse educational and clinical learning experiences.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Does the program offer help with clinical placements?**
Yes, the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders coordinates clinical arrangements with local placement sites.
- **What is unique about Shenandoah's speech pathology program?**
Our MS Speech and Language Pathology program plans to collaborate with the Shenandoah Conservatory to offer voice specialist courses. Our small cohort size of 25 students offers the opportunity for individual attention.
- **What are career opportunities like after graduation?**
There's a severe shortage in the profession and our program will prepare you to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, schools, long term care facilities, state and federal agencies and private practices.