

# Complete Your Speech-Language Pathology Prerequisites Online

Are you interested in becoming a licensed speech language pathologist, but lack the required prerequisite coursework required to apply for a graduate program? USF can help you earn the credentials you need.

Our prerequisite track is designed for individuals who hold an undergraduate degree in something other than Speech Language Pathology. We offer seven online courses designed to meet the prerequisite requirements of the master's program in SLP at USF and most other universities. Choose only those required by your intended graduate program.

All required coursework is offered online and can be completed in three semesters or less. Our courses are taught by the same highly qualified faculty who teach in the face-to-face undergraduate program, so you'll benefit from their advanced skills and expertise.











#### **AVAILABLE COURSES**

# **Introduction to Hearing Science (3 credits)**

This course provides an introduction to the field of hearing, including physics of sound, auditory anatomy and physiology, and psychophysics of hearing.

# Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (3 credits)

Students will explore the neurological and anatomical basis of communication disorders and compare normal and pathological organic structures and their functional dynamics.

# **Applied Phonetics in Communication Disorders (3 credits)**

This course introduces phonetic analysis of normal and disordered speech, including training in phonetic transcription using the International Phonetic Alphabet.

# Introduction to Language Development and Disorders (3 credits)

This course provides an introduction to theoretical concepts and research findings concerning the normal developmental process of language learning as a basis for differentiating developmental delay or disorder of language.

#### **Introduction to Speech Science (3 credits)**

Students will learn about the concentrated study of the acoustic, physiological and perceptual aspects of sound as it relates to normal and pathological speech communication. The course introduces instrumentation and measurement procedures.

#### Introduction to Disorders of Hearing (3 credits)

This course introduces the etiology, pathology and management of disorders of the outer ear, middle ear, inner ear, retrocochlear and central auditory systems.

#### **Neuroanatomy for Speech, Language and Hearing (3 credits)**

Students will learn neuroanatomical and neurophysiological principles, structures and functions that subserve speech, hearing, language and cognition. A case-based approach will enable understanding of behavioral manifestations of neuropathologies.







#### **PROGRAM START DATES**

Spring 2022: Jan. 10, 2022

• Fall 2022: Aug. 22, 2022

#### **COURSE SEQUENCING**

If you start in the fall, you will have the opportunity to register for courses in this sequence:

### Fall

- Introduction to Hearing Science
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
- Applied Phonetics in Communication Disorders

# **Spring**

- Introduction to Speech Science
- Introduction to Disorders of Hearing
- Introduction to Language Development and Disorders

#### **Summer**

Neuroanatomy for Speech, Language and Hearing

If you start in the spring, you will have the opportunity to register for courses in this sequence:

# **Spring**

- Introduction to Language Development and Disorders
- Introduction to Hearing Science
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
- Applied Phonetics in Communication Disorders

# **Summer**

- Introduction to Speech Science
- Introduction to Disorders of Hearing
- Neuroanatomy for Speech, Language and Hearing





#### WHO SHOULD APPLY

This program is designed for individuals who did NOT earn an undergraduate degree in Speech Language Pathology, but are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in Speech Language Pathology, and therefore need to enroll in required prerequisite courses. Those who enroll will be considered nondegree-seeking students at the Tampa campus.

While students with a bachelor's degree in any field may apply, most of our students have earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, behavioral healthcare, health science, special education, music (voice), physical therapy and occupational therapy.

The application process for SLP graduate programs is competitive across the nation. To learn more about the requirements to become a licensed speech language pathologist, visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) website: www.asha.org

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To meet the admissions requirements, you must have:

- Earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Majored in something other than Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Earned a 3.20 or higher GPA (preferred)

#### **COST TO ATTEND**

• FL Resident: \$241.19 per credit hour

Nonresidents: \$605.01 per credit hour

Tuition is subject to change. Tuition does not include the cost of textbooks or other educational resources. Additional fees may apply.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply:

- Submit a completed application: www.usf.edu/ registrar/resources/nondegree.aspx
- Upload all required supporting documentation.
- Pay the required, nonrefundable \$30 application fee.
- Request your official transcript from undergraduate degree is sent to USF.

**Please note:** You cannot apply to this program if you have previously been denied USF undergraduate admission, or if you previously attended USF but have not been awarded your degree. Do not apply unless you are in good academic standing with your last institution, or if you are already admitted to USF as a degree-seeker and have not earned a degree from another institution.

The transferability of credits is always up to a receiving institution, and students should verify that the courses taken at USF can meet requirements for other institutions.

For more information, or to schedule a phone appointment, email **USFsIponline@usf.edu**.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The application deadline is three weeks before the start of classes.

The deadline for Fall 2022 is August 1, 2022.

USF is regionally accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and our Communication Sciences and Disorders program is accredited through the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).





