Post-Baccalaureate Speech Pathology and Audiology

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Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology website (http://www.marquette.edu/chs/speech/)

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a one-year (fall/spring) post-baccalaureate bridge (SLPB) program for students with completed undergraduate degrees in non-related majors that lack the necessary prerequisite course work to apply to graduate programs in speech-language pathology. This two-term program (fall/spring terms) is not a degree-granting or certificate program. Students who meet the academic and clinical performance criteria upon completion of the program are guaranteed admission to the master of science degree program in speech-language pathology.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Individuals accepted to the SLP post-baccalaureate program are admitted with undergraduate non-degree status and are charged on a per term flat-fee basis as outlined in the Master Fee Schedule. Individuals accepted to this program pay the same rate regardless of the number of credits taken and must obtain approval from the director of Graduate Studies in Speech Pathology and Audiology for any plan of study that deviates from the curriculum requirements outlined below. A plan of study can include no more than one class per term beyond the required course work.

Since students in the SLPB program are completing preparatory course work to enroll in a graduate or professional program, they may be eligible for financial aid. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to apply for financial aid.

Laboratories

The Marquette University Speech and Hearing Clinic serves as a working laboratory for students in the speech pathology and audiology program. The clinic has individual therapy rooms for adults and children, three diagnostic suites, a hearing testing suite and rooms designed for specialized speech/language therapy: developmental treatment room, adult language room, augmentative/alternate communication room and sensory integration room. Other speech pathology and audiology laboratories include communication, movement and learning lab, child language and literacy lab, phonology and language analysis lab, speech and swallowing lab, neurodevelopmental feeding and swallowing lab, neurogenic communication lab, linguistics lab and student computer room.

Post-Baccalaureate Prerequisite Program for Speech Pathology and Audiology

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Admission Requirements

Admission to the SLPB program is on a competitive basis. Due to enrollment limits, not all qualified applicants are admitted. The minimum requirements to apply to the program are:

1. Completed undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college/university
2. Minimum GPA of 3.300 in undergraduate studies
3. GRE score in the upper 50% of graduate applicants for year of admission
4. Personal statement and three letters of recommendation
5. Applicants complete no more than two of the courses listed below so that a minimum of 19 credits of post-baccalaureate course work is completed within the two-term program.

Students who complete the SLP post-baccalaureate program with a minimum of 3.500 and demonstrate good clinical abilities during the practicum course (SPPA 3964 Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology 1: Campus Clinic) are granted admission to the master in speech-language pathology graduate program.

Practicum in Speech Pathology and Audiology

Students in the Speech Language Pathology Post-Baccalaureate Program may complete up to 50 clock hours working with individuals with speech/language/hearing problems through the Speech and Hearing Clinic. This practicum experience is closely supervised by university personnel who hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This practicum is offered in the second term of the program.
**Prerequisite Program for Speech Language Pathology**

**Curriculum Requirements**

A plan of study is created per advisement of the director of graduate studies.

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**Total Credit Hours:** 25

**University Policies**

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