

PRE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Program Description

The PreSLP program provides post-baccalaureate students who do not have the necessary background in communication sciences and disorders with the prerequisite courses in basic human communication sciences needed to apply to a master's degree program in speech-language pathology.

This unique program offers eight undergraduate-level courses commonly recommended or required for graduate school preparation in speech-language pathology. They are offered online, affording students the choice of a flexible schedule.

Students are strongly encouraged to take all PreSLP courses unless their records indicate that they have taken equivalent courses and earned a B or higher in those courses. By completing the PreSLP program, students are better prepared to apply to a graduate program in speech-language pathology. However, entrance into the PreSLP program does not guarantee acceptance into La Salle's graduate Speech-Language Pathology Program.

Mission

PreSLP Mission Statement

The Pre-Speech-Language Pathology (PreSLP) program provides post-baccalaureate students who do not have the necessary background in communication sciences and disorders with the prerequisite courses in basic human communication sciences needed to pursue a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Program Goals

- Post-baccalaureate students will complete prerequisite courses in basic human communication sciences needed to apply to a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.
- Upon completing the PreSLP program, students demonstrate knowledge of basic human communication and swallowing processes, including their biological, neurological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural bases.

Program Specific Information

General ASHA Certification Requirements

The current ASHA CFCC certification standards require students to complement their basic human communication sciences courses with additional classes. These guidelines require students to have a course in biology, physical science (chemistry or physics), and statistics. In addition, students need to have taken a course in the social and behavioral sciences. Students who have not completed these requirements on the undergraduate level may take these courses at La Salle.

Degree or Certificate Earned

none

Required for Program Completion

- Courses
 - N/A
- Credits
 - N/A
- GPA
 - N/A

Student Learning Outcomes

- The student will demonstrate knowledge in the biological and physical sciences, statistics, and social/behavioral sciences.
- The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic communication and swallowing processes, including their biological, neurological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural bases.
- The student will apply critical thinking to synthesize, analyze, and evaluate information.
- The student will identify professional and clinical practice issues in speech-language pathology.

Academic Requirements

The following courses are the recommended PreSLP courses and will be offered online. Note that "W" indicates that the course is online and the "P" indicates that the course is limited to students enrolled in the PreSLP program:

Code	Title	Credits
COSD 100P	Introduction to Language and Communication (W)	3
COSD 102P	Introduction to Communication Disorders (W)	3
COSD 200P	Phonetics (W)	3
COSD 202P	Anatomy And Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (W)	3
COSD 203P	Language Development (W)	3
COSD 211P	Acoustic Bases of Speech and Hearing (W)	3
COSD 304P	Introduction to Audiology (W)	3
COSD 306P	Neurological Bases of Communication and Behavior (W)	3
Total Credits		24

Course Sequence

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COSD 304P	Introduction to Audiology (W)	3
COSD 306P	Neurological Bases of Communication and Behavior (W)	3
Total Credits		24

Students can complete one or more courses in PreSLP as needed and available.

Communication Sciences & Disorders

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COSD 203P	Language Development	3
COSD 211P	Acoustic Bases of Speech and Hearing	3
COSD 304P	Introduction to Audiology	3
COSD 306P	Neurological Bases of Communication and Behavior	3

Faculty

Courses in the PreSLP program are taught by full-time CSD faculty, as well as adjunct faculty.

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