

Program:	Speech-Language Pathology	Dept:	Advanced Professional & Special Services
Major:	Speech-Language Pathology	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Science (M.S.)	Major Code:	3730

Speech-Language Pathology, M.S.

The master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology is designed to complete the academic and practical preparation of individuals seeking the professional credentials for working with persons who exhibit disordered communication, including prevention and treatment. The program is designed to prepare individuals to serve in a variety of professional settings and with a variety of populations. The program offers a professional speech-language pathology degree that will provide graduate students with the knowledge, skills and clinical education necessary to satisfy requirements for the Oklahoma State Department teaching certificate, the Oklahoma Board of Examiners license, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. This program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association*. Program objectives are met by insuring students meet the [ASHA 2020 Certification Standards](#)

Basic courses in normal and disordered human communication completed either as part of the undergraduate major or as graduate prerequisites, must precede application for admission to the graduate program. Specific prerequisite requirements are elaborated in the [Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program Application Packet](#) linked through the [SLP Admissions webpage](#) and include required prerequisites to apply and undergraduate courses required to meet ASHA certification standards. Upon admission to the graduate program, students complete graduate level courses and any undergraduate deficiencies to further their understanding of normal and disordered human communication. Students must accumulate a minimum number of practicum clock hours and demonstrate competencies in prevention, assessment, and treatment across a variety of disorders, settings, and populations. The Speech-Language Pathology graduate program consists of six consecutive, sequential semesters, beginning in the summer semester. Completion of this degree requires 400 clinical clock hours and 50 academic graduate hours.

Application Deadline: January 31 to be considered for the following summer semester.

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Admission Requirements

Admission to the Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program is competitive. Due to the requirements of the clinical program, only a finite number of students will be admitted into the program each year. Admission rates and characteristics of admitted students can be found under [Student Outcomes Data](#) on the [SLP webpage](#). Candidates must also understand that Speech-Language Pathology is an allied health and educational profession that may require additional immunizations and background checks.

Application deadline: Postmark on or before January 31.

Application to this program requires two-part applications process.

Part 1: Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Completion of the following prerequisites or equivalents:
 - ENG 1113 English Composition
 - ENG 1213 English Composition and Research
 - BIO 1114 General Biology **OR**
 - BIO 1404 Animal Biology & Laboratory

- PHY 1014 University Physical Science **OR**
 - Introductory Chemistry and Lab
- STAT 2103 Intro Statistics for Sciences **OR**
 - STAT 2113 Statistical Methods
- Six hours of Behavioral/Social such as
 - PSY 1103 General Psychology (sociology, anthropology, or public health)
- SLP 4003 Foundations of Speech-Language Pathology
- SLP 4014 Normal Language Development
- SLP 4054 Language Disorders
- SLP 4143 Acoustic Phonetics
- SLP 4223 Audiology
- SLP 4673 Speech Sound Disorders
- SLP 4724 Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
- SLP 4252 Neuroscience in Speech-Language Pathology

A minimum GPA of 3.00 with no grade below a "C" is required in SLP prerequisite courses. For course content please see the Speech-Language-Pathology [UCO Course Descriptions](#). Candidates with deficient prerequisite course(s) must be enrolled in the course(s) at the time of application and, if admitted to the program, must satisfactorily complete the course(s) (as outlined above) prior to start of the first graduate course. For students seeking licensure, any other deficiencies in required undergraduate courses, which may include Voice Disorders, Fluency Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation, and Science of Behavior Change in SLP, will be added to the Graduate Degree Plan upon admission.

Part 2: Submit the following items to the online application portal.

- [Graduate Program Application Packet](#), including all documentation stipulated therein.
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation from academic professors, two must be SLP/CSD professors (Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal. Additional information on letters of recommendation requirements can be found in the SLP application packet.)

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- A personal statement describing your interest and goals in Speech-Language Pathology--see application instructions.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

Only completed application files will be considered for admission. Once all application materials have been reviewed and interviews conducted (optional for applicants with completed application files), the program director will notify applicants of admission status. All acceptances or rejections of offers to attend the UCO Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program must be submitted by the deadline date, April 15th. Pending any openings after that date, alternates will be notified of any change in status. Only after being accepted and admitted to the Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program will the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) complete the student application for admission as a graduate student. It is important to remember that this is a competitive process as we have more applicants than positions available.

Post Admission Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than three course grades of "C", regardless of hours.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.
- Practicum. Training in the Speech-Language Pathology program requires five semesters of practicum. During practicum, students provide services to a diverse clientele in approved settings. Initial practicum meetings are held prior to each semester's practicum placement and weekly throughout each semester to provide information to students about the practicum and provide ongoing support and information concerning clinical issues. All students enrolled in practicum must attend stated practicum meetings.
- Before a student may be placed in an off-campus medical or educational practicum setting he/she must have achieved a "B" or higher in the practicum course immediately prior.

Practicum Requirements

Once accepted to both the program and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS), students must complete a number of professional requirements and obligations that may incur costs.

Requirements:

1. Completed and documented 25-30 hours of observation of Speech-Language Pathology clinical services.
2. Pass the UCO Bloodborne Pathogen Training.
3. Purchase Student Liability Insurance (Estimate of \$30 annually).

4. Complete TB testing and immunization requirements (TB, MMR, Hep B, Varicella, Flu). See the UCO Speech-Language Pathology Student Handbook for more information. (Estimate \$300 to \$900).
5. Complete an OSBI background check - completed when indicated by the Clinical Director. (Estimated range from \$40 to \$70).
6. Complete Drug Testing (Estimate range from \$59 to \$125) - completed when indicated by the Clinical Director.
7. Current CPR certification as an American Heart Association Health Care Provider, completed when indicated by the Clinical Director. (Estimate \$49).

It is the student's responsibility to complete all medical testing and immunization as directed by the Clinical Director. It is the student's responsibility to provide transportation to off-campus clinical sites, doctor offices, hospitals, and educational seminars related to clinical education. Access to transportation is required to complete the clinical courses and is estimated at approximately \$150 per semester.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....50 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research
SLP	5112	Speech Hearing Science
SLP	5111	Speech Hearing Science Lab
SLP	5232	Comm. Disorders Infant/Toddler
SLP	5243	Diagnostic Methods in SLP
SLP	5252	Advanced Normal Lang. Development
SLP	5262	Advanced Language Disorders
SLP	5202	Written Language Devel & Disord
SLP	5282	Motor Speech Disorders
SLP	5224	Neurogenic Communication Disorders
SLP	5302	Augmentative Communication
SLP	5332	Legal Aspects in SLP
SLP	5343	Dysphagia
SLP	5352	Craniofacial Anomalies
SLP	5422	Professional Issues in SLP
SLP	5151	IPE I
SLP	5161	IPE II
SLP	5900	Practicum (minimum 5 hours)
SLP	5900	Practicum (Public School - 3 credit hours)
SLP	5900	Practicum (Medical Setting - 4 credit hours)
SLP	5950	Internship - Evaluating Clinical Effectiveness (2 credit hours)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 50 HOURS

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