I. **Admission Procedures**

To be considered for admission to the Master’s Program in Speech-Language Pathology, the MA candidate should have undergraduate preparation equal to that of the Department’s Bachelor’s degree. This includes Basic Science Coursework and Professional Coursework that meet the minimum New York State Certification and/or License requirements, and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association prerequisites and requirements. If the applicant does not meet these requirements, then participation in the Certificate Program will be recommended (see Part IV).

Candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), three letters of recommendation (two from professors) that attest to the candidate’s ability to successfully complete graduate coursework in a Speech-Language Pathology program, a statement of purpose, and an appropriate score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Candidates must give evidence through previous coursework, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, and personal interview, of potential for success as a professional in the area of speech-language pathology.

Each candidate’s admission file will be reviewed by members of the Graduate Admissions Committee. Based on recommendations of the committee members, the candidate may be invited for a required on-campus interview. Following the interviews the departmental Graduate Admissions Committee will review each application individually and make recommendations for each prospective candidate on the basis of all information obtained during the application process.

II. **Brief Description of the Program**

1. **Credit Requirements**

   The major in Speech-Language Pathology requires a minimum of 52 credits of coursework. Elective coursework in the summer is strongly encouraged to better prepare students for externships and professional employment. (See attached list of courses offered/required by the department.)

2. **Clinical Practicum Requirements**

   Clinical practicum requirements in speech-language pathology, including off-campus practica, total 17 credits. Five of the total required credits of clinical work are on campus. Students will obtain the remainder of the practicum requirements in two separate off-campus experiences.

   At least 25 hours of observation and 375 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum that concern the evaluation and treatment of children and adults is required to meet the standards for the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence. It is the student’s responsibility to
apply to the clinic director and to register for clinical practicum both in the Speech and Hearing Center and at approved off-campus sites to meet his/her certification and/or licensure goals.

3. **Thesis Option**

   A formal defense of an approved thesis is required in the semester in which all academic work will be completed. You should indicate your interest to pursue a thesis option to your advisor early in your graduate curriculum to allow sufficient time for completion. Up to three credits may be applied towards the degree major.

4. **Grades**

   The student must earn grades that are no lower than a B in graduate and prerequisite courses in order for the courses to be applied toward the degree program. Grades below B are not considered degree program credits. A 3.0 or better grade point average must be maintained to remain in the graduate program. Failure to do so will result in academic probation or in dismissal from the college. Consult the graduate student handbook for additional college policies and standards on grading.

5. **Requirements for Degree Conferral**
   
   a. completion of all academic coursework requirements
   b. completion of all practicum requirements
   c. successful performance on an oral/written comprehensive examination

6. **Curriculum Codes:**

   **You should apply for:**
   **If:**

   898  You have no interest in NYS teacher certification - have not, and will not student teach.

   897  You have initial teacher certification (student taught as an undergraduate) and want to meet the requirements for professional certification.

   OR

   You do not have initial certification (did not student teach as an undergraduate), but will be student teaching as a graduate student, and want to meet the requirements for initial certification.
Students who wish to obtain initial certification as a Teacher of the Speech-Language-Hearing Disabled, or who wish to obtain clinical hours in a school setting, must complete or have completed CDS 596: Teaching the Speech-Language-Hearing Disabled Pre-school-12, or its equivalent along with participating in a school practicum as one of their internships. Successful completion of the National Teaching Examination Core Battery also is required for initial certification.

III. Application Requirements

Applications will be accepted for FALL admission only: Applications must be complete and in the SUNY Plattsburgh Graduate Admissions Office no later than February 15. A complete application includes:

1. a completed application form;
2. three letters of recommendation (2 from professors);
3. a statement of purpose;
4. GRE scores;
5. the Course Summary Form (attached); and
6. official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.

If all components are not sent in concurrently, they must all be received by February 15.

IV. Certificate Program

Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology may apply to the department’s Certificate Program. This program consists of a one-year sequence of undergraduate courses. Undergraduate courses taken in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at another institution may be waived from the Certificate Program following a review of the course syllabus by the Graduate Admissions Committee and Chairperson of the Department. A formal application is required for acceptance into this program.

For further general information or for an application, please contact: Graduate Admissions Office, State University College at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, (518) 564-4723 or toll-free at 1-800-723-9515.

For further information about the Master’s program and/or Certificate Program contact: Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, State University College at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, New York 12901, (518) 564-2170.

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MAJOR  
Master’s Degree  

898 Curriculum: Licensure without Teacher Certification  

I. MAJOR COURSES  

A. Speech-Language Pathology Required Courses (39 credits)  
1. CDS 528 Clinical Methods (1 cr.)  
2. CDS 531 Language Disorders in Infants and Preschool Children (3 cr.)  
3. CDS 532 Language Disorders in School-Aged Children and Adolescents (3 cr.)  
4. CDS 533 Neuroanatomy & Physiology of Communication (3 cr.)  
5. CDS 534 Motor Speech Disorders (2 cr.)  
6. CDS 535 Aphasia in Adults (3 cr.)  
7. CDS 536 Dysphagia (3 cr.)  
8. CDS 537 Alternative/Augmentative Communication (3 cr.)  
9. CDS 539 Cognitive Rehab (3 cr.)  
10. CDS 540 Evaluation of Communicative Disorders (3 cr.)  
11. CDS 550 Social/Cognitive/Behavioral Correlates of Communication Disorders (3 cr.)  
12. CDS 561 Articulation/Phonological Development and Disorders (3 cr.)  
13. CDS 562 Voice and Voice Disorders (3 cr.)  
14. CDS 563 Stuttering and Fluency Disorders (3 cr.)  

II. RESEARCH COURSE (2 credits)  

CDS 525 Research Design in Communication Disorders  

III. CLINICAL PRACTICA REQUIREMENTS (11-17 credits)  

1. CDS 542 Clinical Practicum for Beginning Clinicians (1 cr.)  
2. CDS 543 Clinical Practicum for Intermediate Clinicians (1 cr.)  
3. CDS 544 Clinical Practicum for Advanced Clinicians (1 cr.)  
4. CDS 547 Evaluation Clinic (1 cr.)  
5. CDS 548 Audiology Clinic (1 cr.)  
6. CDS 546 Clinical Practicum – Off-campus Internship (3-6 cr.)  
7. CDS 551 Clinical Practicum – Off-campus Internship (3-6 cr.)  

Minimum total credits required = 52--58  

- All students must meet the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association academic and clinical requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence and New York State Licensure requirements in order to graduate.  

IV. Additional Elective Courses  

1. CDS 538 Contemporary Issues in Communication Disorders (3 cr.)  
2. CDS 549 Research in Communication Disorders (Thesis Option) (3 cr.)  
3. CDS 564 Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Disorders (3 cr.)  
4. CDS 599 Independent study (1-3 cr.)
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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MAJOR  
Master’s Degree  

897 Curriculum: Licensure with Certification in  
Teaching Students With Speech and Language Disabilities  

I. MAJOR COURSES  
A. Speech-Language Pathology Required Courses (42 credits)  
1. CDS 528 Clinical Methods (1 cr.)  
2. CDS 531 Language Disorders in Infants and Preschool Children (3 cr.)  
3. CDS 532 Language Disorders in School-Aged Children and Adolescents (3 cr.)  
4. CDS 533 Neuroanatomy & Physiology of Communication (3 cr.)  
5. CDS 534 Motor Speech Disorders (2 cr.)  
6. CDS 535 Aphasia in Adults (3 cr.)  
7. CDS 536 Dysphagia (3 cr.)  
8. CDS 537 Alternative/Augmentative Communication (3 cr.)  
9. CDS 539 Cognitive Rehab (3 cr.)  
10. CDS 540 Evaluation of Communicative Disorders (3 cr.)  
11. CDS 550 Social/Cognitive/Behavioral Correlates of Communication Disorders (3 cr.)  
12. CDS 561 Articulation/Phonological Development and Disorders (3 cr.)  
13. CDS 562 Voice and Voice Disorders (3 cr.)  
14. CDS 563 Stuttering and Fluency Disorders (3 cr.)  
15. CDS 596 School Practicum Methods (3 cr.)  

II. RESEARCH COURSE (2 credits)  
CDS 525 Research Design in Communication Disorders  

III. CLINICAL PRACTICA REQUIREMENTS (11-17 credits)  
1. CDS 542 Clinical Practicum for Beginning Clinicians (1 cr.)  
2. CDS 543 Clinical Practicum for Intermediate Clinicians (1 cr.)  
3. CDS 544 Clinical Practicum for Advanced Clinicians (1 cr.)  
4. CDS 547 Evaluation Clinic (1 cr.)  
5. CDS 548 Audiology Clinic (1 cr.)  
6. CDS 545 Public School Practicum (3-6 cr.)  
7. CDS 546 Clinical Practicum – Off-campus Internship (3-6 cr.)  

Minimum total credits required = 52--58  

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