

California State University, Fresno

Masters in Speech-Language Pathology

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **I am interested in your Speech Language Pathology graduate program. However, I do not have an undergraduate degree in SLP or CD. I have a B.A. in \_\_\_\_\_ . What are my options?**

Please see attached "INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM ANOTHER FIELD".

2. **How many applications do you receive a year?**

It varies each **semester**, but we receive anywhere from 40 to 200 applicants, depending on the semester.

3. **How many admission offers are given out?**

We generally admit approximately 20 students per semester (Fall and Spring)

4. **What do you consider when reviewing applicants?**

We look at your GPA (see #5, below), GRE scores (see #6, below), 3 letters of recommendation, and your letter of intent. We want to feel confident that students who are accepted will be able to handle the academic demands of graduate level coursework and writing requirements. We also look for any volunteer or work experiences that might show leadership, good people skills, insight into working with individuals that have special needs, an ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds, or clinical potential.

5. **What is the range of GPAs that you take in?**

This varies. In order to apply, a minimum 3.0 GPA is required for your overall GPA, last 60 units, and your major classes. The student's GPAs for their last 60 units and for their major classes are calculated and used for admission consideration. Over the past few years, students who were admitted usually had GPAs in the 3.6 to 4.0 range.

6. **Is there any minimum GRE score or average scores?**

We do not have a minimum GRE score requirement. Most students who get in have an average (Verbal and Quantitative combined) around 300, and we do prefer a 3 or higher for the writing score.

**7. How long is the program?**

It is a two year program which includes 4 semesters of coursework and 5 semesters of clinical practicum (one semester of practicum is done over the summer).

**8. Can I attend the program part time?**

The program is designed so that you move through as a member of a cohort. You are expected to take 3 courses (3 units each), plus your clinical practicum each semester. During your final two semesters, you will be completing your student teaching or medical externship, essentially working at those sites 4 or 5 days a week, then taking you classes three afternoons or evenings a week. We do not offer any kind of part time alternative to this schedule.

**9. Which classes can count toward ASHA's physics or chemistry requirement?**

The ASHA standard reads "Applicants must have knowledge in physical sciences, which must be acquired through coursework in physics or chemistry."

The intent is clearly related to gaining knowledge in the physical sciences. The class does not have to have a lab associated with it, but it does have to be in the area of physical sciences. It can be taken as a CR/NC class. I am hearing rumors about students wanting to count Chem classes aimed at scientific writing, or chemistry in marketing, or a physics class related to art and design, or other such classes. These clearly do not meet the intent of this standard. Please use good judgement and do not risk ASHA not accepting your course down the road.

**10. Can I use classes I took for my SLPA Certification as prerequisite courses?**

Generally, courses taken for an SLPA program CANNOT be counted as prerequisite courses. There may be a single course - some kind of introduction or overview of Communicative Disorders that will count for up to 3 units of prerequisite credit, but other than that, the rigor and depth of content in SLPA courses does not compare to those taken as part of a BA program in SLP, and cannot be used for prerequisite credit.

Department web site: <http://fresnostate.edu/chhs/csds/>

On line Course Catalog: <http://www.fresnostate.edu/catalog/>

Division of Graduate Studies: <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/>

## SLP PREREQUISITE TRACKING FORM

(Complete ONLY if your Bachelor's degree is not in the field of  
Communicative Disorders/Speech-Language Pathology)

For each of the prerequisite areas listed below, please list any course(s) taken. Although a course in every area is not required, it is strongly recommended that applicants have a minimum of 30 units of prerequisite courses for consideration for full classified admission. Only list classes one time.

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An introduction to Statistics course is required by our University.

A course in Physics or Chemistry is now required by ASHA. The ASHA standard reads "Applicants must have knowledge in physical sciences, which must be acquired through coursework in physics or chemistry." The intent is clearly related to gaining knowledge in the physical sciences. The class does not have to have a lab associated with it, but it does have to be in the area of physical sciences.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

| Prerequisite Area  | Course(s) | Units |
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| Statistics (any course with "statistics" in the title is acceptable) |           |       |
| Physics or Chemistry course  |           |       |
| Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing                             |           |       |
| Neurology of Speech & Hearing  |           |       |
| Normal Speech & Language Development                                 |           |       |
| Speech & Hearing Science   |           |       |
| Phonetics  |           |       |
| Speech Disorders   |           |       |
| Language Disorders   |           |       |
| Audiology / Aural Rehabilitation / Audiology Lab                     |           |       |
| Assessment / Diagnostic Procedures                                   |           |       |
| Treatment Procedures   |           |       |
| Other: Voice, Fluency, Organic Disorders, Observation, etc.          |           |       |
| <b>Total Units</b>   |           |       |