

## SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

Academic programs in **speech pathology** focus on the study of impairments in communication, including speech disorders, fluency problems and articulation disorders. Speech pathology degree students learn to understand speech disorders, fluency problems and other impairments in communication. Along with coursework, speech pathologists are required to complete 400 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum by a licensed ASHA certified SLP and pass a Praxis exam for licensure and clinical competency certification.

Freed-Hardeman offers the B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). While this is required prior to admission to a graduate program, graduate programs requires prerequisite coursework to have been completed prior to undergraduate graduation. If you have not met these requirements in your undergraduate program, you will be required to complete them for graduate program admission. Some programs such as University of Memphis have bridge programs in which you spend a year completing admission required classes. You will find a listing of the prerequisites that are required for admission to these programs. You need to have a grade of C or better in these courses.

**\*Please note that completing a bridge program with a graduate program does not guarantee admission into their program. You will still go through the full admission process.**

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: SLP

Science prerequisites for Master's programs:

Requirements	Equivalent FHU Classes	Hours
Biological Science (human-based)	BIO 100, BIO 110, or BIO 211	3-4
Statistics	MAT 235	3
Behavioral/Social Science	PSY 210 or SOC 241	3
Chemistry or Physics (*PHS requires a Pre-Calculus)	CHE 120 or PHS 111	3-4

CSD prerequisites for Master's programs:

Prerequisite	Equivalent FHU Class	Hours
Speech/Language Development	CSD105	3
Phonetics	CSD231	3
Phonological and Articulation Disorders	CSD221	3
Anatomy and Physiology of Speech/Language	CSD321	3
Speech/Voice Science	CSD322	3
Audiology	CSD300	3
Neuroanatomy, Neurology or Neuroscience	CSD 380	3
Aural Rehabilitation	CSD400	3

The majority of Master of Science (M.S.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) degree programs in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) require a two-year commitment (5 semesters) and a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit. In addition, students must accrue at least 400 clinical hours in various settings as specified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. Furthermore, SLPs are required to complete a 9-month supervised clinical fellowship period after graduation.

**IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED?** No, but all programs require 25 hours of observation of therapy and diagnostic evaluation by a clinically certified SLP prior to admission. You must turn in a log of these sessions with the SLP's designated ASHA number and signature. Most schools require that you use a form that has the FHU letterhead on it.

**\*Please note that while undergraduate clinical experience is not required, it is highly sought after in admissions. If you are not a CSD major, you may consider a summer internship**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** You need to apply one year prior to beginning your classes. Most application due dates fall in January and February before classes begin Fall semester. Most schools use the CSDCAS system and require individual faculty reference letters unlike the committee letters for other graduate health programs.

**GPA REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 for admission into graduate programs,

**ADMISSION EXAMS:** Most schools no longer require the GRE for admission, but put a heavier emphasis on your interview and if you have any undergraduate clinical experience; however, please check with your schools to see if they require the GRE and plan on taking this the summer between your junior and senior year.

Academic programs in **audiology** focus on the study of impairments in hearing, including habilitation of patients who have developmental hearing issues and rehabilitation of patients that have lost their hearing abilities; this may include hearing aid fitting, diagnosis, vestibular maintenance and surgical office procedures. Audiology degree students learn to understand audition and neurology to help those with hearing impairment. Along with coursework, audiologists are required to complete 300-375 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum by a licensed audiologist or ASHA or ABA certified audiologist for state licensure; and pass a Praxis exam for clinical competency certification.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: AUDIOLOGY**

Science prerequisites for Doctoral Audiology programs:

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Equivalent FHU Classes</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Biological Sciences (human-based)	BIO 211 and BIO 212	8
Math: Statistics and Pre-Calculus	MAT 235 and MAT 120	6
Behavioral/Social Sciences	PSY 210 or SOC 241; and 1 Additional	6
Chemistry and Physics	CHE 120 and PHS 111	8

CSD SUGGESTIONS for Doctoral Audiology programs:

\*While these are not required, they are highly suggested as supporting courses

<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Equivalent FHU Class</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Anatomy and Physiology of Speech/Language	CSD321	3
Speech/Voice Science	CSD322	3
Audiology	CSD300	3
Neuroanatomy, Neurology or Neuroscience	CSD 380	3
Aural Rehabilitation	CSD400	3

**\*University of Memphis also requires speech/language development and language disorders**

The majority of Doctoral of Audiology (AuD.) degree programs in Audiology require a four-year commitment and a minimum of 90-130 semester hours of credit. Although no set amount of hours are specified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, most state licensures require 300-375 hours. Additionally, audiologists are required to complete a 9-month supervised clinical fellowship period after graduation.

**IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED?** No, but observation is highly recommended

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** You need to apply one year prior to beginning your classes. Most application due dates fall in January and February before classes begin Fall semester. Most schools use the CSDCAS system and require individual faculty reference letters unlike the committee letters for other graduate health programs.

**GPA REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.25 for admission into graduate programs,

**ADMISSION EXAMS:** Most require the GRE for admission; plan on taking this the summer between your junior and senior year.