



M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

A full-time, two-year professional degree program (60 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The five-semester, blended Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program assists persons in acquiring the skills and knowledge needed for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) are responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with speech, language, cognitive, voice, feeding and swallowing disorders.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution in speech and language pathology or a related area with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of undergraduate courses in Biological Science, Physical Science, Social/Behavioral Science, and Statistics with grade of "B" or better.
- 7 required speech and language pathology prerequisite courses with a grade of "B" or better.

Prerequisites	
SLP 400/500	Intro to Communication Disorders
SLP 401/501	Normal Speech & Language Development
SLP 402/502	Speech and Hearing Anatomy and Physiology
SLP 403/503	Audiology
SLP 404/504	Phonetics
SLP 405/505	Speech Science
SLP 406/506	Observation in Communication Disorders

If an applicant completed a bachelor's degree in a related area and has not completed the required prerequisite courses, they must first enroll in those courses before applying to the MS degree in CSDCAS. Shenandoah offers these prerequisite undergraduate courses for [visiting students](#) and is developing an undergraduate certificate to assist in the completion of the required courses.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completed CSDCAS application
- Transcripts from all institutions attended
- Minimum of 25 hours of guided clinical observation under a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist
- Three letters of recommendation that indicate applicant's ability to participate in the rigors of graduate school as well as the traits applicants possess to be a future allied health practitioner. This includes persons such as: former or current professors, research supervisors, clinical supervisors or ASHA-certified speech pathologists.
- Personal Statement
- Video Interview: Please make a short 2-3 minute video explaining why you would be a good fit for the Shenandoah MS Speech-Language Pathology program. You should record your video on Youtube, and mark it as unlisted. Once the video is uploaded to Youtube and unlisted please add it to your CSDCAS application in the interview question.
- An interview may be required

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Fall 2025

Courses begin in August

Admission Deadline

Priority deadline: February 17, 2025

Applications will continue to be accepted after the priority deadline on a space-available basis until the cohort is full.

Format/Location

Hybrid

On-campus at Loudoun: First three semesters
Online: Last two semesters with in-person clinical requirements (400 clock hours)

Required Tests

No required entrance exams

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to the Centralized Application Service for Communication Sciences and Disorders Programs at <https://csdcas.liasoncas.org>

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CAMPUS LOCATION



Loudoun

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The Master of Science (MS-SLP) education program in speech-language pathology [residential] at Shenandoah University is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. Candidacy is a “preaccreditation” status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of 5 years.

CURRICULUM

Fall Semester 1	
SLP 512	Neuroanatomy & Physiology (3)
SLP 513	Early intervention: Language Disorders in Birth to 5 Population (2)
SLP 514	Phonology and Articulation Disorders (3)
SLP 515	Adult Language Disorders: Aphasia and Right Hemisphere Disorders (2)
SLP 507	Foundations of Clinical Practicum I (1)
SLP 516	Foundations of Counseling in Communication Disorders (2)
SLP 517	Differential Diagnosis in Communication Disorders (2)
Spring Semester 1	
SLP 518	Language Disorders in School-Age Populations (2)
SLP 519	Cognitive-Linguistic Disorders in Adults (2)
SLP 525	Autism and Neurodivergence (3)
SLP 521	Research Design (RST 671 Using Educational Measures and Statistics) (3)
SLP 522	Dysphagia (3)
SLP 508	Clinical Practicum II (1)
Summer Semester 1	
SLP 523	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
SLP 524	Multicultural Populations (3)
SLP 509	Clinical Practicum III (1)
	Elective (3)
Fall Semester 2	
SLP 526	Voice Disorders (3)
SLP 527	Aural Rehabilitation (3)
	Elective
SLP 510	Advanced Clinical Practicum III (2)
Spring Semester 2	
SLP 529	Professional Issues, Advocacy & Ethics in Speech Pathology (2)
SLP 525	Motor Speech (3)
SLP 528	Fluency Disorders (2)
SLP 530	Capstone Projects (3)
SLP 511	Advanced Clinical Practicum IV (2)
	Elective (2-3)

Some elective options include: SLP 531 Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Disorders, SLP 533 Professional Speaking, and SLP 534 Medical Speech Pathology.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Loudoun, located in Leesburg, VA, is on the campus of Loudoun Hospital, a nationally recognized hospital, which is part of the Inova Health System. Leesburg is part of the Northern Virginia metropolitan area - an area that offers access to the Dulles International Airport, the Potomac River, restaurants, shopping, and is 40 minutes northwest of Washington, DC.

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The mission of the Shenandoah University Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders (SUCSD) is to: educate, train, and inspire, culturally responsive future speech-language pathologists, to ultimately improve the communication, swallowing, education and overall health of individuals and communities.

The vision of SUCSD is to nurture an environment for culturally responsive and evidence-based researchers, practitioners, and students to engage in diverse educational and clinical learning experiences.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Does the program offer help with clinical placements?**
Yes, the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders coordinates clinical arrangements with local placement sites.
- **What is unique about Shenandoah's speech pathology program?**
Our MS Speech and Language Pathology program plans to collaborate with the Shenandoah Conservatory to offer voice specialist courses. Our small cohort size of 25 students offers the opportunity for individual attention.
- **What are career opportunities like after graduation?**
There's a severe shortage in the profession and our program will prepare you to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, schools, long term care facilities, state and federal agencies and private practices.