

# Secondary Admission Application

## Speech-Language Pathology Emphasis

### Introduction

The speech-language pathology emphasis at GVSU prepares students for graduate work in either speech-language pathology or audiology. Students pursuing a career in speech-language pathology (SLP) must complete a master's degree (MA or MS) while students pursuing a career in audiology must complete a clinical doctorate degree (AuD). The coursework included in the SLP emphasis at GVSU will fulfill the prerequisite requirements of most SLP graduate programs across the United States. Although not always required for graduate study in audiology, many programs prefer that their applicants have some or all of the courses included in the SLP emphasis. The curriculum also provides an excellent background for students who will pursue graduate study in related disciplines such as public health.

### GVSU Program Options

Students who wish to complete GVSU's SLP curriculum as part of their baccalaureate degree may either

- 1) declare a major in Allied Health Sciences with an Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology, or
- 2) declare and complete the requirements of another GVSU major while concurrently completing the SLP emphasis curriculum.

Students admitted to the GVSU SLP emphasis will be admitted to either the 4 semester sequence of courses or the 2 semester sequence of courses. There is a specific order of prerequisite coursework within both the 4 and the 2 semester sequences.

- 1) The 4 semester sequence is completed across two academic school years. Students enroll in 2-4 courses each fall and winter semester. This option is ideal for students classified as sophomores or juniors when they begin the course sequence.
- 2) The 2 semester sequence is completed in one academic year. Students enroll in 5 courses both fall and winter semesters. This option is ideal for students classified as seniors who have completed all requirements for graduation except for the SLP courses.

### ASHA Certification

Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are nationally certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). In order to be certified by ASHA individuals must complete specified coursework that may or may not be included in all major courses of study. It is recommended that students review the following courses required by ASHA and complete these courses before finishing their baccalaureate degree.

- Statistics
- Biological Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social/Behavioral Sciences

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### Admission to the SLP Emphasis Courses

Students who wish to enroll in the SLP coursework must meet the minimum standards for admission, apply, and be admitted to the SLP emphasis. Fulfillment of the minimum standards and submission of the required materials DOES NOT guarantee admission to the SLP emphasis. Applicants will be notified of their admission status in writing. The *minimum standards* and requirements are listed below:

- Have a *minimum* cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 will be considered as space permits in the accepted class
- Complete and submit the attached secondary admission application
- Submit a statement of professional goals explaining why you want to be a speech-language pathologist or audiologist and identifying a preliminary area of interest or specialization.
- *Unofficial* transcripts from all colleges or universities you attended other than GVSU
- If a transfer student, you must be accepted to GVSU prior to beginning the program
- An interview may be required before an admission decision is made

### Application Process

1. Apply and be admitted to GVSU as degree-seeking undergraduate student (if already a student at GVSU, skip to #2)
2. Submit all required SLP application materials in ONE email or ONE packet to the GVSU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the address on the bottom of this form. Complete applications received by January 15<sup>th</sup> will receive priority status.
3. Attend interview, if requested
4. Receive admission decision via e-mail
5. If offered admission to the program, respond to the e-mail regarding your decision to accept or decline the offer by the date in the email.
6. Once you have accepted the offer of admission, a welcome and introduction letter will be emailed to you that will contain registration information for 2016-17.
7. Attend orientation week before classes start

### **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

*Following this process does not guarantee acceptance into the SLP emphasis.*

*Acceptance into the SLP emphasis does not guarantee admission to the master's degree program in SLP at GVSU or any other institution.*

IF THE ABOVE PROCESS IS NOT FOLLOWED, ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM MAY BE JEOPARDIZED

**Submit your completed application and supplemental materials, electronically or by mail to:**

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Grand Valley State University

515 Michigan Street NE, Suite 300

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616.331.5540

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- Priority consideration will be given for applications submitted by January 15, 2016.
- This application is only for individuals who will not hold a bachelor's degree at the time they enroll in their first class in the course sequence.

Personal Information	
Name	G#
Email (GVSU preferred)	Phone #
Summer mailing address:	Current mailing address:
Academic Information	
Are you a current student at GVSU*? Yes _____ No _____  If no, what college/university are you currently attending?	Preferred course sequence (select one)*: _____ 2-semester _____ 4-semester  What term did you start college?
What is your academic major?	Anticipated # of credits earned by Fall 2016
<p>*Students must apply to GVSU at least 30 business days prior to the start of the semester. +Track placement is based on academic record, you may/may not be placed into your preferred track</p>	

#### Application Checklist – make sure you have all of the following pieces before submitting your application

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Secondary Admission Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted to GVSU                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement of professional goals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unofficial transcripts to all non-GVSU colleges |

I have reviewed the requirements for admittance into the speech-language pathology emphasis and understand that

1. Completion of this application does not guarantee that I will be accepted into the SLP emphasis
2. Admission to the GVSU SLP undergraduate emphasis does not guarantee admission to a graduate SLP or AUD program

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_