

## **Track 1 Description**

This track is for students who have completed all of the prerequisite coursework. Students may have obtained the prerequisite courses in one of the following ways:

- 1) majored in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- 2) majored in another area, but took prerequisites as an undergraduate
- 3) completed a leveling program after obtaining a bachelor's degree

Students apply to the program by January 15; accepted students begin in the fall semester of that year. Students will complete four consecutive full-time semesters (fall, winter, spring/summer, fall), which include both academic coursework and clinical practicum in the community. The first semester of practicum will be under the guidance of GVSU faculty members in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at two of our offsite, community-based labs. During the second and third semesters, practicum will be 2-4 days per week at a community site with a speech- language pathologist from the community serving as the clinical preceptor, and a GVSU faculty member from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders serving as your clinical affiliate. Students may be placed up to two hours away from Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall (RFH). Placements a greater distance from RFH may be available upon request. The fourth (final) semester of the program, students complete a full-time unpaid internship with a community preceptor and GVSU faculty affiliate. Out-of-state placements may be available upon request for the final semester.