

Track 2 Description

Track 2 is designed for students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than communication sciences and disorders and have not taken the prerequisite coursework in speech-language pathology that is required for Track 1. Track 2 is a six-semester program (fall, winter, fall, winter, spring/summer, fall).

During the first two semesters, students will complete graduate leveling courses required for the final four semesters of the program. Track 2 admitted students must complete all of the courses in the program even if equivalent courses have been completed at another institution. Students will apply to the program by June 15th to begin the six- semester program in the fall.

The first two semesters of coursework will not include clinical practicum, the final four semesters 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 of practicum (the fourth and fifth semesters of the program), practicum will be 2-4 days per week at a community site with a speech-language pathologist from the community serving 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 (sixth) 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.