

# Speech-Language Pathology Emphasis Secondary Admission Application

## Introduction

Students pursuing a career in speech-language pathology (SLP) or audiology need to know that the entry-level into the practice of either profession is a graduate degree (a master's degree in the case of speech-language pathology; a doctorate in the case of audiology). Applicants for graduate study in SLP must complete a prescribed curriculum of foundational information prior to initiating the graduate degree. The coursework included in the SLP emphasis at GVSU will fulfill the prerequisite requirements of most SLP graduate programs and prepare students for graduate study. 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.

## GVSU Program Options

Students who wish to matriculate in GVSU's prescribed SLP curriculum as part of their *baccalaureate* degree may either

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

Students admitted to the GVSU SLP emphasis will be admitted to a 4-semester 2-year sequence of courses.

- 1) The 4 – semester sequence is completed across two academic school years, and students enroll in 3-4 courses each fall and winter semester. **Students must begin the sequence of courses in the fall semester.** Students complete coursework following a prescribed sequence of courses. Most students begin the emphasis as juniors.

**\*Students completing the requirements of another GVSU major in addition to the SLP courses, may choose to complete an abbreviated sequence of SLP courses over two semesters, rather than four semesters. This sequence of courses DOES NOT fulfill the requirements of the AHS/SLP degree. If you wish to apply to this sequence of courses, please discuss your reasons in your professional goals statement.**

## ASHA Certification

SLPs 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 many 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 (**students are encouraged to take PHY 200**)
- Social Sciences (2 courses)

## Speech-Language Pathology Emphasis

### Admission to the SLP Emphasis Courses

Individuals who wish to enroll in the SLP coursework must meet the minimum standards for admission and 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 after completing at least 24 college credits
- Will not have earned a bachelor's degree prior to starting SLP emphasis coursework
- 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
- Must be accepted to GVSU
- An interview may be required before an admission decision is made

### Application Process

1. Ensure you have been admitted to GVSU
2. Submit all required SLP application materials in one packet (or e-mail) to the GVSU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at addresses below. \*If sending by e-mail put "**SLP Emphasis App**" as the subject of the e-mail
3. Attend interview, if requested
4. Receive admission decision e-mail
5. If offered admission to the program, respond to e-mail regarding your acceptance of the position
6. Acceptance letters will contain information for Fall 2018 course registration
7. Attend orientation week before fall 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 THIS PROCESS IS NOT FOLLOWED, ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM MAY BE JEOPARDIZED

### **Submit complete applications, electronically or by mail to:**

\*If sending by e-mail put "**SLP Emphasis App**" as the subject of the e-mail

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## Secondary Admission Application

### Speech-Language Pathology Emphasis

- Priority consideration will be given for applications submitted by January 15, 2018.
- 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                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |
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| Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | G#                                                                                                                                          |
| GVSU email:                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Phone #                                                                                                                                     |
| Permanent mailing address                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Local mailing address                                                                                                                       |
| Academic Information                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |
| Are you a current GVSU student*? Yes___ No___<br><br>If no, where are you currently enrolled?<br><br>If yes, have you taken (or will take prior to F2018):<br>SLP 280    Y    N<br>SLP 303    Y    N<br>SLP 305    Y    N | GVSU Major:<br><br><br>Anticipated # of college credits earned by Fall 2018:<br><br><br>Semester I expect to complete my bachelor's degree: |
| *Students must apply to GVSU at least 30 business days prior to the start of the semester                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                             |

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above    | <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted to GVSU                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Secondary Admission Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Have not earned a bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement of professional goals  |                                                              |

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 emphasis
2. Admission to the GVSU undergraduate program does not guarantee admission to a graduate program

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