



USAHS LEVELING COURSES



Are you interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology? Do you need leveling courses to meet eligibility requirements for a graduate program?

At the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS), we have designed several leveling courses to provide students with the foundational knowledge required to be eligible for entry into graduate level programs in Speech-Language Pathology.

Why take leveling courses at USAHS?

Flexibility - Our leveling courses are fully online, so you can study from anywhere at any time that suits your schedule.

Accessibility - USAHS' leveling courses enroll students three times per year (Spring, Summer, Fall)*

Quality - All leveling courses meet the requirements necessary to apply for graduate level Speech-Language Pathology programs in the U.S.

PREREQUISITES (required by applicants)	LEVELING COURSE (required if baccalaureate degree is in a non CSD or SLP field)
Biology	Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders
Chemistry or Physics	Speech Anatomy and Physiology
Statistics	Normal Speech and Language Development
Behavioral or Social Sciences	Phonetics
	Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation or a combination of Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation or Fundamentals of Hearing

* class starts are contingent upon meeting certain minimum student cohort sizes

For more information: **USA.EDU** or **800.241.1027**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admissions to the MS-SLP degree program at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS) requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in Communication Science Disorders (CSD), Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) or an alternate bachelor's degree.

Bachelor's Degree: A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. You can apply to USAHS while you are still enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or while you are completing prerequisite coursework.

Alternate Bachelor's Degree: Individuals who hold bachelor's degrees in fields other than CSD, SLP, or the equivalent must complete leveling courses before beginning graduate work in Speech-Language Pathology at USAHS.

Speech-Language Pathology Leveling Courses

Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (SLP 5014)

This course introduces students to the professions and field of communication sciences and disorders (CSD). Basic concepts related to communication, speech, and language; typical development, anatomy, and physiology; as well as communication disorders occurring across the lifespan will be examined. Cultural differences, communication disturbances and disorders related to identification, assessment, and evidenced-based treatment will be explored.

Speech Anatomy and Physiology (SLP 5008)

This course involves the study of the anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing mechanisms. Students will study the structure and function of the skeletal, neurological, and muscular systems for respiration, phonation, articulation and resonance, as well as mastication and deglutition and the hearing mechanism. The organization and physiology of related nervous systems and functional implications will be explored.

Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation (SLP 5002)

This course is an introduction to the field of audiology and examines the diagnosis and treatment of hearing disorders

across the lifespan including audiometric test methods and nonmedical rehabilitation options for the treatment of audiological disorders.

Normal Speech and Language Development (SLP 5032)

This course involves theoretical concepts and research findings concerning the normal developmental processes of speech and language learning and provides an understanding of child speech and language from infancy through adolescence, focusing on normal development. Students will study language and literacy development for monolingual and bilingual children.

Phonetics (SLP 5026)

This course involves phonetic analysis of normal and disordered speech, including training in transcription using the international phonetic alphabet. The motoric aspects of speech sound production, including a concrete description of the distinct properties that are associated with the production of these speech sounds will be explored.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Official GRE score report
- A writing sample
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Transcript of all course work completed
- A minimum of 25 observation hours in a Speech Therapy setting with an ASHA certified SLP
- Admissions committee may perform interviews on-site or virtual/online
- A comprehensive background check will be administered during the admissions process

Applications for the MS-SLP program at USAHS are accepted through the CSDCAS website only.

Please contact at usa.edu or 800.241.1027 for additional information.