



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Speech & Hearing Sciences

POSTBACCALAUREATE PROGRAM



Take the first step toward a rewarding career as a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). This profession offers opportunities to serve people with communication disorders across the lifespan and in a variety of practice settings, including hospitals, schools and community settings. Certified SLPs help patients manage and overcome a wide range of communication challenges, with the goal of achieving a better quality of life after treatment.



QUICK DEGREE FACTS

- > 4 Quarters in length
- > 13 Required courses
- > 50 Total credits
- > \$4,590 in tuition per quarter or \$18,360 for the entire degree
- > February 15 application deadline for Summer quarter entry of the same year

FINISH A SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN JUST 4 QUARTERS

The Postbaccalaureate Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program in Speech and Hearing Sciences, at the University of Washington (UW), is designed for students who want to pursue a clinical Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, but currently hold a degree outside the speech, language and hearing sciences discipline.

Completion of our one-year Postbaccalaureate degree program provides students from outside disciplines with the necessary academic foundation to apply for graduate study and qualify for professional certification in Speech-Language Pathology.

Across the areas of speech, language, hearing, and swallowing, our B.S. program provides foundational coursework in basic science, typical development, anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, the nature of disorders in children and adults, and introductory knowledge of the clinical processes involved in the prevention, identification and treatment of communication disorders. The program also provides important introductory information about the clinical profession, practice settings, and working with culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Students completing our intensive Postbaccalaureate program earn a B.S. degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences from a top-ranked university and can apply directly to any Master's program in Speech-Language Pathology, including the Master of Science degree programs at the UW. While completion of our Postbaccalaureate program does not guarantee admission into the UW Master of Science programs, it does qualify students for consideration.

While many universities offer non-degree options and leveling coursework for students seeking a speech and hearing sciences foundation, the UW is one of the few to offer an intensive, fully packaged degree program that quickly prepares students for the rigorous demands of any top-tier graduate program.

COMPREHENSIVE DEGREE PROGRAM

Give yourself an advantage in the competitive field of graduate school applicants by seizing the opportunity to gain a more in-depth foundation in speech and hearing sciences. With 13 courses and 50 credits, the University of Washington currently offers one of the most thorough Postbaccalaureate degree programs in the U.S. Many students interested in completing coursework in speech and hearing sciences opt to obtain a second bachelor's degree to guarantee a strong foundation and enhance their competitiveness for graduate study. Graduates of our program have gone on to thrive in their respective Master's programs and careers, thanks to the extensive curriculum our Postbaccalaureate program offers.

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> ANTICIPATED JOB GROWTH RATE IN THE FIELD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THROUGH 2024.

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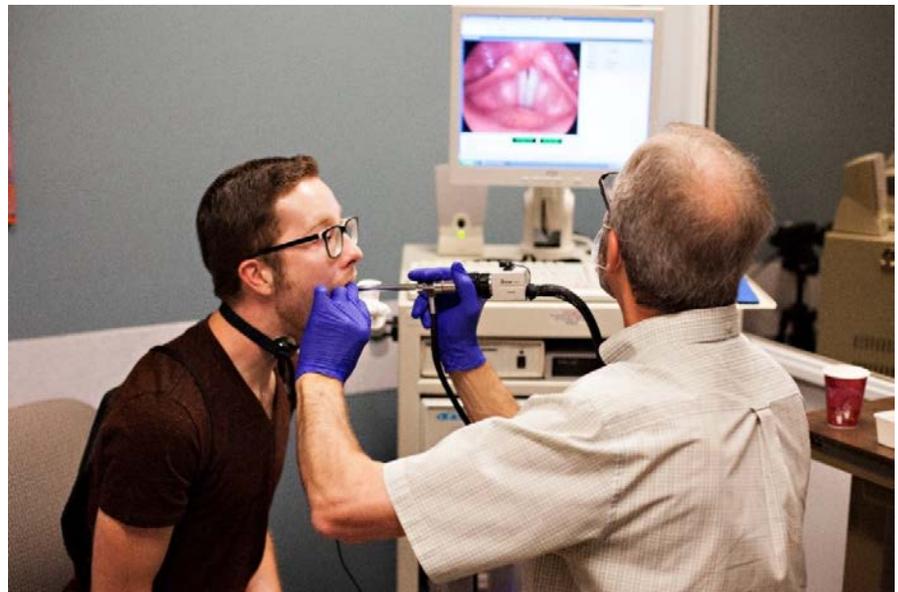
> WORLD'S POPULATION WITH COMMUNICATION & SWALLOWING DISORDERS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- > A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- > Ability to satisfy the University's English language proficiency requirement (ELPR).
- > **2.5** Minimum cumulative GPA
- > **Students must have completed introductory coursework in:**
 - Statistics
 - Biological Science
 - Social/Behavioral Science
 - Physical Science
 - Linguistics

BUILT-IN CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Obtain all of your required observation hours for graduate school in our UW Speech and Hearing Clinic. Clinical observation opportunities are provided exclusively to our B.S. students. The UW Speech and Hearing clinic offers a wide variety of outpatient evaluation and treatment services for both children and adults, in the areas of speech, language, hearing, voice, fluency, cognitive-communication, and other related communication needs. The clinic serves 200-300 clients each week, ranging in age from 3 years to the end of life. With approximately 10,000 client visits per year, you can create a superb observational foundation for graduate school and better prepare yourself for a clinical career in Speech-Language Pathology!



ENGAGE WITH THE RESEARCH BEHIND THE PRACTICE

Our research and classroom instruction address the fundamental aspects of communication—hearing, speech, and language—as well as the causes and treatment of disorders such as childhood speech sound disorders, aphasia, stuttering, voice disorders, and hearing loss. As a Tier-1 research university, our faculty are on the cutting edge of these topics, providing new insights and deeper understanding to the field on an ongoing basis. Students in the Postbaccalaureate program have the opportunity to complete one or more independent studies with SPHSC faculty on topics that fuel your passion for the field! Independent study projects are optional and **not** a requirement for the degree.