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The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences is to contribute to the scientific study of human communication and its disorders, to educate students regarding the relevant knowledge and skills necessary for clinical and research endeavors in the field, and to provide service to the university, community, state, and beyond.

Academic Programs
The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences offers coursework leading to the Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Science (MS), Doctor of Audiology (AuD), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

The Bachelor of Science degree includes coursework to develop understanding of basic principles of biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, and the social and behavioral sciences. The SLHS major provides a broad education regarding human communication and communication disorders across the lifespan. This degree is preparatory for clinical degrees in speech-language pathology or audiology, as well as for advanced degrees in speech, language, and hearing sciences or related fields of study. The degree also provides a foundation in writing, effective communication, and critical thinking to position graduates as attractive for many careers.

The Master of Science degree includes the two-year academic and clinical training to prepare students for a career in speech-language pathology. A nonclinical Master of Science degree is also available.

The Doctor of Audiology (AuD) program is a four-year course of study for a professional degree with a clinical emphasis in audiology.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program prepares students for academic and research careers through coursework and participation in research projects.

Accreditation
The Master of Science (M.S.) residential education program in Speech-Language Pathology and the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) residential education program at the University of Arizona are accredited by Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.
Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Teaching Mission Statement

The teaching mission of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the University of Arizona is to provide excellent foundational and advanced education to students in human communication and its disorders.

- For undergraduate students, our goals are
  - To promote critical thinking, writing skills, and problem-solving abilities
  - To provide high quality education in speech, language, and hearing sciences
  - To prepare students to continue their education with advanced degrees in audiology; speech-language pathology; speech, language, and hearing sciences; or related areas.
  - To prepare students to succeed in a variety of careers though the application of critical thinking and communication skills.
  - To prepare students to interact respectfully with people with disabilities/disabled people and treat those with communication disorders with empathy.

- For graduate students, our goals are
  - To train highly qualified professionals in audiology and speech-language pathology who are well-grounded in principles of evidence-based practice.
  - To train the next generation of scientists in our professions.

Coursework in the clinical degree programs is designed to support students to achieve the following knowledge outcomes and skills:

- Ability to demonstrate speech and language skills necessary for effective communication with clients/patients and their relevant others, and for composing well-written and substantive diagnostic and treatment reports, treatment plans, professional correspondence, and scientific and technical reports.
- Ability to analyze, synthesize and evaluate biological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural correlates of basic human communication processes and disorders including speech, receptive and expressive language in oral, written, and manual modalities, hearing, swallowing, and cognitive/social aspects of communication.
- Ability to analyze and evaluate information about prevention, assessment, and intervention over the range of communication disorders specified in the current ASHA scope of practice for audiology and speech-language pathology.
- Ability to analyze and synthesize relevant information regarding professional ethics and to interpret the principles of the ASHA Code of Ethics as they apply to the professional practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.
- Ability to comprehend the common principles of research and research design, both basic and applied, used in human communication sciences and disorders and to know sources of research information and how to access them.
- Demonstrate an understanding of issues currently having an impact on audiology or speech-language pathology as professions.
## FACULTY

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Nathan, Mira Clinic Office
FACULTY RESEARCH AREAS

Consistent with our mission to advance the science that provides foundational understanding of human communication and communication disorders, our department houses research laboratories that complement our on-campus clinical facilities. Students have the opportunity to enroll in independent studies, participate in ongoing investigations, and to conduct directed research in the context of thesis and dissertation projects. A wide range of research interests are represented by the faculty as highlighted below.

Mary Alt  Word and concept learning; understanding learning mechanisms; applying learning theory to language treatment. Populations studied include: bilingual children and children with language disorders/delays.

Pélagie Beeson  Neurogenic communication disorders, with particular emphasis on the nature and treatment of aphasia, acquired alexia and agraphia.

Kate Bunton  Kinematic, aerodynamic, and acoustic characteristics of normal and disordered speech production, speech development, and correlates of speech intelligibility.

Barbara Cone  Human auditory system development and methods for assessing hearing in infants at risk for hearing loss or neurologic impairment.

Huanping Dai  Basic science aspects of auditory perception, applied issues related to hearing, including the application of statistical and psychophysical principles and methods to the diagnoses of hearing disorders, and signal processing for amplification.

Meghan Darling-White  Develop and validate interventions that have an impact on functional speech production skills in individuals with motor speech disorders.

Jeannette Hoit  Normal and abnormal speech motor control, aging speech and hearing physiology, motor speech disorders, research ethics and practices.

Leah Kapa  Typical and disordered language development in childhood and the interaction between language and cognition in children and adults.

Aneta Kielar  Integration of behavioral and neuroimaging measures of brain function with goal of understand changes in cognitive functioning associated with brain damage and recovery.

Nicole Marrone  Hearing loss and treatment in adults; aging and cognitive factors in auditory perception; improving speech understanding in competing noise and reverberation.

Julie Miller  Neurogenetic and circuitry mechanisms underlying human vocal function and dysfunction using birdsong as a model.

Elena Plante  Brain-language relations in developmental language disorders and language assessment and treatment.
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<td>David Velenovsky</td>
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MASTER OF SCIENCE in SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

We have two Master of Science programs: one with a clinical emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology, and the other, a nonclinical degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. This student handbook is designed to guide students through the program for either degree. We also maintain a website for matriculating students where complementary information is available at http://slhsfac.arizona.edu/content/ms-slp.

The faculty members of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences are committed to providing the highest quality graduate education, both academic and clinical.

Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (without Clinical Training)

The non-clinical Master’s degree is designed for students who elect to major in basic speech, language, and hearing sciences. This may be the terminal degree for a student or the first step toward a Ph.D. This degree is not applicable to the students who pursue the standard clinical curriculum in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology.

As with all graduate programs, students develop a Plan of Study to meet the degree requirements. The Master’s degree requires a total of 36 units. The non-clinical MS requires successful completion of a master’s thesis, and up to 6 units of thesis credit can be counted toward the degree. Students will develop a thesis plan with the major advisor and comprise a Program Committee with at least two other faculty members. Guidelines for the Thesis Committee and Thesis defense are detailed below. In exceptional cases, the thesis requirement may be replaced by a comprehensive examination, subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies.

Master of Science in Clinical Speech-Language Pathology

Our clinical program in Speech-Language Pathology is designed to provide the academic and clinical training to fully prepare students for professional practice in the field. The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The required coursework and clinical training address all of the ASHA Standards to achieve the necessary knowledge and skills for speech-language pathology.

Applicants for admission to the MS with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology program must possess the capability to complete the entire clinical curriculum (in some cases with reasonable accommodations). The clinical curriculum requires certain demonstrated proficiencies that are distinct from academic requirements. To achieve these proficiencies, students must be able to meet the Technical Standards specified in Appendix A. Upon admission, each student is required to verify that they can meet the technical standards. Student competence relative to these standards will be re-evaluated each semester by the faculty following on the student achievement and success (SAS) template.

The program is designed as a full-time, residential, five-semester program. Students will have practicum assignments on days/times they are not in class. When students have employment that limits times and days of clinical placements, there are fewer options available, and they might require additional semesters to meet clinical competencies.
Overview of Course Requirements for Clinical Master’s Degree in Speech-Language Pathology
The clinical Master of Science degree requires a minimum of 36 graduate credit hours distributed across several areas. This total does not include academic credit earned for clinical practicum and includes no more than 6 hours of thesis credit for those who choose the thesis option. The academic preparation and clinical training are broadly based, including coursework across a range of communication disorders. Completion of a thesis is optional but is highly recommended for students planning to pursue studies leading to a PhD degree.

Table 1 provides the suggested course sequence for the MS in Speech-Language Pathology. Students are also expected to have a background that includes the coursework listed below as required for ASHA certification. Students who have not completed the background coursework are encouraged to do so as early as possible and should inform their academic advisor of plans to do so.

1 course in Physical Science (Physics or Chemistry)
1 course in Biological Sciences (human or animal emphasis)
1 course in Behavioral/Social Sciences
1 course in Statistics (not research methods)

Overview of the First Year for Three-Year Students
Students admitted to the Master’s Degree Program with background in other fields will need to complete preliminary coursework during their first year. This first year (referred to as the leveling year) will include both undergraduate and graduate level coursework. Students must register for at least 9 units of graduate-level credit each semester. When a course is offered both on the 400- and 500-level, students should register for the 500-level course. The student’s academic advisor will review academic records and recommend coursework for the leveling year. See page 22 for guidance for three-year students.

Overview of Practicum Requirements
Students completing the MS degree in clinical sciences must have coursework and practicum experiences meeting the certification requirements of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA). The University of Arizona views the practicum courses as laboratory courses. As such, the University requires a minimum of 45 hours of assigned experience for each unit of academic credit in practicum enrollment.

A minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum must be completed in the practice of speech-language pathology. This includes:

- 25 hours of clinical observation followed by 375 hours of direct contact
- Up to 75 hours of direct contact can be transferred from an undergraduate program
- At least 325 hours must be completed during graduate training in at least three distinct settings.
- ASHA allows for up to 75 hours to be obtained through alternative clinical education. These opportunities will be defined by the clinical faculty.

The clock hours count reflects a minimum experience. In addition to the hours requirement, students must demonstrate a satisfactory level of independence in knowledge and skills related to assessment and treatment of children and adults in 9 key areas: articulation, fluency, voice and resonance, language, cognition, hearing, swallowing, social communication, and communication modalities. Therefore, students completing the MS degree in clinical sciences are expected to enroll in clinic each semester, even after they have completed the 400 hours. Exceptions in rare circumstances will be determined by the Associate Department Head for Clinical Education, together with the Director of Graduate Studies for the MS program.
Table 1. Sequence for Courses in Speech-Language Pathology (beginning Fall 2022)

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**BOLD = REQUIRED COURSES**

Electives available within the department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Science include:

- SLHS 510  Counseling (Fall, 7-week, 1 unit; Bunton)
- SLHS 535  Bilingualism, Multiculturalism, & Nonmainstream Dialects (Spring, 3 units, Neiling)
- SLHS 597  Topics in Service Delivery for Bilingual Populations (Fall, 7-week, 1 unit, Guilmette)
- SLHS 597  Augmentative and Alternative Communication (Workshop; Spring, 1-2 units; Madsen)
- SLHS 597  Medical Speech-Language Pathology (Workshop; Spring, 7-week, 1 unit; Cazzato)
- SLHS 597  Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Workshop; (Fall, 7-week, 1 unit; Casteix)
- SLHS 597  Vocal Wellness and Voice Production for the Classroom and Clinic (Workshop; Fall & Spring, 7-week, 1 unit; Smith)
- SLHS 597  Language and Imaging (Workshop; Spring, 2 units; Kielar)

Excellent elective courses are also available outside of the department in relevant areas including neurodevelopmental disorders, child development, neuroanatomy, neural foundations of behavior, and coursework for the bilingual certificate. The last semester of your graduate program is the most likely time for you to be able to add an outside elective. Check with your advisor or review course listings in departments such as Psychology, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Linguistics.
Knowledge and Skills Acquisition and Standards for Clinical Competence
In addition to meeting the academic requirements for the Master’s Degree, all students in the clinical program will meet the current knowledge and skills standards for the certificate of clinical competence in Speech-Language Pathology. Students should become familiar with the standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. These standards can be found on the ASHA website at: https://www.asha.org/Certification/2020-SLP-Certification-Standards/.

These skills are operationalized by ASHA into a set of standards for Knowledge and Skills Assessment (KASA) which are met through both academic and clinical courses. Academic course activities such as quizzes, examinations, assignments, reports, and presentations contribute to acquisition of knowledge and skills in specific areas. As such, the course activities that relate to specific KASA standards are denoted below. To demonstrate that these standards are met, a minimum of a ‘B’ must be obtained for these activities, unless otherwise noted. That means that it is possible to pass an entire course, but not meet the KASA standards covered in that course if a particular activity is not successfully completed. Students are allowed to remediate activities that do not meet the criteria. Failure to successfully remediate an assignment that relates to a specific KASA standard means that the department will be unable to document your ability to meet the standard and you will not be eligible for certification. A record of Knowledge and Skills Acquisition is maintained within the electronic clinical and academic software (CALIPSO). The form is retained in your file and you will receive a copy of the ASHA Knowledge and Skills Verification when you graduate.

Clinical Practicum Sites
A variety of practicum opportunities are available both on- and off-campus facilities. During the two-year program, students will complete a minimum of two semesters of training in the University Clinic and usually participate in two semesters of off-campus practicum. Initial clinical experiences are gained in the University of Arizona Speech-Language Clinic under the supervision of University clinical instructors and teaching faculty. In subsequent semesters, students either continue on campus or rotate to a variety of off-campus facilities, including public schools, local medical centers, and children's agencies. Advanced clinical experiences are also available in the context of clinical research and specialty clinics. Assignments are based on satisfactory completion of prerequisite coursework, previous clinical experiences, student interest, and availability. Some off campus placements also include an interview process. Clinical activities are scheduled to ensure that each student gains balanced experience in the evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders in children and adults.

HIPAA Client/Patient Confidentiality Clinical Policy
HIPAA stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a federal law regarding confidentiality of client/patient information. All students must complete HIPAA training to participate in any clinical endeavor and are expected to adhere to HIPAA and Department policies at all times. HIPAA training involves two steps:

1. Students must complete the UA HIPAA training through UAccess Edge Learning. This training can be completed on campus or from an off-campus location using VPN. On UAccess Edge Learning, in the search bar type HIPAA Annual Certification. Next, click register. When registered click to complete the self-paced modules. Detailed instructions are available on the UAccess Edge Learning site. When you have completed the module, print the certificate of completion as a pdf and email to the Program Coordinator (Nickole Hayward).

2. Students must also review the department-specific HIPAA policies (available on https://www.slhsfac.arizona.edu) and sign the department confidentiality form. Annual updates regarding HIPAA and other security issues will be provided.

Direct questions regarding HIPAA to Janet Hawley, SLHS HIPAA Compliance Officer.
Clinical Training and Record Keeping
The software program CALIPSO is used to track academic and clinical progression through the program. Each student will purchase an individual account and enter accrued clinical hours each semester; clinical instructors will enter clinical evaluation ratings and grades each semester.

The cost for registering on CALIPSO is approximately $100, payable by credit or bank card, at the beginning of your program.
The Multicultural-Bilingual Certificate in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (MBCP)

All graduate students have the opportunity to earn the MBCP. The program allows students to specialize in evidence-based methods of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of multicultural and bilingual children and adults with speech, language, and hearing impairments. Students who earn this certificate will demonstrate knowledge regarding how the structure of common languages spoken in the United States compare and contrast with English, how to appropriately assess and treat all languages in the bilingual or multilingual individual, how to train and implement the use of interpreters, and cultural awareness, sensitivity, and humility in the clinical setting. Students do not need to be bilingual to participate in the MBCP program.

The certificate program requires the following graduate coursework (9 units):

1. SLHS 535 Bilingualism, Multiculturalism, and Nonmainstream Dialects (Spring, 3 Units)
2. SLHS 597 Workshop: Topics in Service Delivery for Bilingual Populations (Fall, 1 unit).
3. Clinical Practicum in Bilingual Context (2 units)
   - Clinical experiences with bilingual populations will occur during SLHS 558 Clinical Studies in Speech-Language Pathology or SLHS 559 Clinical Studies in Audiology
   - A minimum of 50 contact hours with bilingual populations, across multiple clinical placements, should be documented.
4. At least one additional appropriate elective course (3 units total). Examples include:
   - AIS 545 A Structures of Non-Western Languages
   - AIS 582 Hopi Language in Culture
   - AIS 696J Topics in Native American Languages and Linguistics
   - ANTH 530A Language and Society in the Middle East
   - ANTH 536 Japanese Sociolinguistics
   - CPH 520 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities (3)
   - HIST 552 American Ethnic History (3)
   - HPS 533 Global Health (Ehir)
   - HPS 535 Multicultural Health Beliefs
   - HPS 581A Issues in Native American Health: An Introduction to Critical Thinking
   - HPS 577 Sociocultural & Behavioral Aspects of Public Health (3)
   - LING 500 Linguistics for Non-majors
   - LING 502 Gender and Language in Japan
   - LING 519 Linguistic Structure of Modern Chinese
   - LING 511 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics
   - LING 544 Typology and Universals
   - TLS 504 Language and Culture in Education
   - TLS 507 Education of Mexican Americans in the United States
   - TLS 510 Foundations of Bilingual Education and Second Language Learning
   - TLS 512 Educating Culturally Diverse Students in a Pluralistic Society
   - TLS 514 Reading and Writing in Bilingual and Second Language Settings
   - TLS 581 Multicultural Literature and Literacy
   - TLS 641 Immigration and Education
   - TLS 643 International Indigenous Culture-Based Education
   - MAS 505 Traditional Indian Medicine: Health, Healing and Well Being
   - MAS 508 The Mexican-American: A Cultural Perspective
   - MAS 510 Socio-cultural determinants of health
   - MAS 525 Latino Health Disparities
   - MAS 535 Mexican Traditional Medicine: An Overview of Indigenous Curing Cultures
   - MAS 575a Education of Latina/os
   - SPAN 574A Language in the Mexican American Experience
   - SERP 504 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Exceptional Learners

Other classes or independent study experiences may be identified to fulfill the elective requirement. For more information, talk with Dr. Kate Bunton, Director of Graduate Studies.
Plan of Study Guidelines for all Students in Master of Science Program

Our program requirements are consistent with the guidelines and deadlines set by the UA Graduate College that are described here: https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements.

Academic Advising

Each student will be assigned a faculty academic advisor to assist in the planning and successful completion of the program. Students should meet with their advisor during the graduate orientation or the first week of the semester, and then again mid-semester as plans are made for second-semester enrollment. Most students remain with their advisor throughout their program, but a student may elect to change to an advisor with better-aligned interests. This is particularly appropriate if the student chooses to complete a thesis with a different faculty member. To change advisors, the student should talk with both faculty members to ensure agreement and then report the change in writing (email) to both advisors, and the SLHS Graduate Coordinator (Nickole Hayward).

Graduate Plan of Study

Students should meet with their academic advisor to develop their plan of study for the Master’s degree during the first semester of graduate school. In conjunction with their academic advisor, each student is responsible for developing a Plan of Study as early as possible during the first few months in residence. The plan is to be submitted to the Graduate College no later than the second semester in residence. All deficiencies must be satisfied before the Plan of Study is approved. The Plan of Study identifies (1) courses the student intends to transfer from other institutions; (2) courses already completed at The University of Arizona which the student intends to apply toward the graduate degree; and (3) additional coursework to be completed to fulfill degree requirements.

In our department, we ask students to complete a working copy of the plan of study for advising. During the second year, the official plan will be entered into the electronic tracking program called GradPath that is accessible through UAccess student center (see GradPath description at http://grad.arizona.edu/GradPath.) GradPath ultimately provides a record of all completed coursework and grades. The procedures are highlighted below:

• First semester
  o Complete the fillable pdf form for the SLHS MS plan of study. List all undergraduate and graduate courses that have been taken (or will be taken) in speech, language and hearing, as well as pertinent courses from related areas. Combined, these courses should meet all of the requirements for the MS degree at the University of Arizona and for ASHA certification.
  o Download Plan of Study form from http://slhsfac.arizona.edu/content/ms-slp. Turn in hard copy of the plan of study with academic advisor signature to Nickole Hayward.

• Fall semester, second year of study: Log into UA GradPath http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu. Complete the following in the Student Center section:
  o Responsible Conduct of Research Statement (all students do this)
  o Enter all completed and planned coursework into the Master's/Specialist Plan of Study. The form is due to the UA Graduate College by October 1 in your second year of study. You will need to revise this form if your spring semester schedule changes.
  o Complete the Master’s Committee Appointment form. List your academic advisor as the chair, with Dr. Bunton and Dr. Alt as committee members. For students completing a thesis, list your thesis advisor as chair and the two members serving on your thesis committee.

• End of the program: Completion of Degree Requirements form will be completed by the Department.
Guidelines for Completing a Master’s Thesis

A Master’s thesis is required for those students pursuing the nonclinical degree and is encouraged (but not required) of students pursuing a clinical emphasis. Students contemplating future doctoral study are encouraged to complete a thesis. Students are encouraged to talk with various faculty members who conduct research in potential areas of interest. Once a faculty member agrees to be the primary thesis advisor, a student may request to change to that individual as their academic advisor. To do so, the previous advisor and the graduate coordinator (Nickole Hayward) should be informed. A student electing to complete a thesis must follow the steps described in the University of Arizona’s Manual for Thesis and Dissertations found at: https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses/sample-pages. After initial planning of a thesis, a student must present the proposed thesis to their committee to obtain approval. A department colloquium must be presented following completion of the project.

Thesis Committee
The thesis chair must be a tenure-track SLHS faculty member. In addition, the UA graduate college policy is that Master’s thesis committees must consist of three members of the Graduate Faculty. At least two members, including the chair, must be tenure-track UA faculty members. The third member may be career-track or tenure-track faculty and must be a member of the Graduate Faculty.

The following steps are recommended for timely completion of a thesis:

1. Choose a topic and committee as soon as possible, preferably by the end of the first year.
2. Formulate methodology to answer the research question and have it approved by all committee members. This includes a meeting/presentation with your committee members regarding the proposed research in order to solicit feedback and confirmation of the research plan. You will work with your Thesis Advisor regarding the timing and plan for this meeting.
3. Have the introduction, review of the literature, and methodology portions of the thesis written by the end of the first semester of the second year thereby allowing you time to finalize results and write the results and discussion sections.
4. A colloquium presentation to the department should be scheduled to present your findings prior to your official defense with the committee (typically during the Spring of the second year).
5. The thesis must be defended by the last day of final examinations (see Graduate College deadlines: https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements/important-degree-dates-and-deadlines). Students who defend after this deadline, but before the first day of Summer Session I, will not have to register for summer, but will have an August graduation date. Students who defend after the first day of Summer Session I will have to register and pay fees.
6. Submit your thesis to the Graduate College/UA Campus Repository for archiving. Instructions can be found here: https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/dissertations-theses.
7. A hard copy must also be turned into your thesis advisor and (as desired) to your other committee members.

Note that if a student begins a thesis, but ultimately does not complete the thesis, it will be necessary to adjust their program of study.

Thesis Defense and Final Comprehensive Examination
The final comprehensive examination of a student completing a thesis consists of two parts: (1) an oral examination that will cover the thesis and (2) an oral examination that covers the general curriculum. These two examinations may be scheduled on the same day or may be scheduled separately. The student, thesis advisor, and committee members should discuss how the exam will be scheduled. The student’s thesis committee administers the thesis defense and the examination that covers broad aspects of the field. Note, however, that a thesis committee member from outside of the department may be replaced by an SLHS faculty member for the examination of the general curriculum, when
appropriate. The full examination (i.e., thesis and general curriculum) will last no less than one hour and no more than 3 hours. At least two-thirds of the committee members must vote PASS for the student to pass this examination.

In the event the student fails one or both parts of the oral examination (thesis defense or curriculum content), he or she may retake the failed portion of the oral examination, with permission of the Director of Graduate Studies, after a lapse of time deemed appropriate by the student’s examination committee. The second examination will be in oral or written format, at the discretion of the committee. To pass the second examination, at least two-thirds of the committee members must vote PASS. Results of the second examination are final.

Human Subjects Protection Training and Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval
All students who conduct research involving human subjects or data produced by human subjects are required to complete the Human Subject Protection Program training (called CITI training). This can be done online at: https://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program/HSPP-training . The graduate college does not require separate approval or IRB for a thesis project if the project is covered by an active, approved IRB protocol (typically under the name of the faculty mentor). The thesis chair will be able to determine if work is covered under an existing approved protocol or if an additional project approval is needed. To obtain the forms and information about IRB approval, refer to the Human Subjects Office for guidance: https://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program/HSPP-forms.

National Certification Examination (PRAXIS)
This examination is required for licensure in Arizona (and most states) and for certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. We recommend that it be taken during spring semester of your second year. Results should be sent directly to the University of Arizona SLP/AUD (RA 0002) and ASHA (R5031). You should also check with requirements for the state you plan to work in/Department of Education in that state and have it sent directly to the licensing boards if required. Four requests are free if you make the request at the time of the exam, but there is a fee if you order later.

Student Concerns and Grievance Procedures
Our faculty and staff members are committed to serving the best interests of our students and are invested in facilitating student success. We aim to promote an environment where students feel free to raise issues of concern. Students are encouraged to maintain good communication with their academic advisor and are also welcome to meet with other faculty members, including the Associate Heads and Department Head regarding any issues or concerns, or when seeking advice. The University of Arizona Graduate College also aims to ensure that student grievances are heard and appropriately addressed. The policy on grievance procedures can be found at the following website: http://grad.arizona.edu/academics/policies/academic-policies/grievance-policy. Students may also contact the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 2200 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850-3289.
Evaluation of Student Performance in the MS Program in Speech-Language Pathology

Student performance is monitored throughout the program to assure that satisfactory progress is being made. Evaluation is primarily based upon grades, performance in clinical practicum, benchmark examinations (first-year examination and comprehensive examination during the last semester of study), and faculty input. Students should consult with their advisor (or another faculty member) whenever there are questions or concerns about academic achievement or the individual plan of study.

The following criteria relate to maintaining satisfactory progress:

1. Satisfactory academic performance
   - Within the SLHS department, graduate students are expected to achieve A or B levels of performance in coursework to assure mastery of the critical knowledge and skills in each course.
   - If a student receives a C in an academic course, they will need to successfully complete a remediation plan with the course instructor. Clinical practicum may be limited or stopped until satisfactory academic performance is achieved. See Appendix B for Remediation Plan for C Grade in SLHS Course form.
   - Following the Graduate College policy, students whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 are placed on academic probation. Details about this policy can be found at the following website: http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/graduate-academic-standing-progress-and-probation.

2. Satisfactory performance in clinical practicum
   - Satisfactory performance in clinical practicum is defined as compliance with the technical standards and grades of A or B for practicum enrollment. Practicum grades are included in the student’s cumulative grade point average.
   - A semester grade of C or lower will result in a repetition of a similar clinical experience to demonstrate mastery of clinical skills. The clinical hours accrued in the experience where the student earned the C might not be awarded.

3. Pass an SLHS faculty review of student progress each semester
   The faculty meets each semester to review student progress in the program. Discussion focuses on academic record, performance in clinical practicum, as well as research/thesis efforts and contributions as a teaching assistant. The review provides an opportunity for individual faculty to share impressions of students' strengths and special talents, as well as areas that may need improvement. In addition, the faculty can be made aware of circumstances that may bear upon a student's performance. Discussions follow Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines.
   - As noted above, academic, and clinical grades are monitored to affirm achievement of required knowledge and skills is documented. Remediation of any C grade must be documented using the form in Appendix B, which is ultimately filed with department records so that eligibility for ASHA certification can be endorsed.
   - If a C grade is earned in more than one course (academic or clinical), there is serious concern regarding whether a student can continue in the program, regardless of the overall grade point average. Faculty determination of probationary status or dismissal will be prompted and communicated to the student. Failure to achieve overall satisfactory performance in the program will block the department endorsement of academic and clinical competency with ASHA and state licensing agencies.
4. **Pass the First Year Examination**

   An examination over the first year of coursework and clinical experiences will be given to all first year Master’s students after the first academic year (typically, in May after the final exam period and before the beginning of summer clinic). The purpose of the examination is to confirm that students are making adequate progress with regard to mastery of content and clinical principles, and to confirm adequate writing skills necessary for successful performance in the profession. The examination is used for department purposes only; it may be used to guide the second year of graduate study and to help to assure successful completion of the graduate program. Information regarding the format, schedule, and timeframe for the exam will be provided during the spring semester.

   The typical first year exam is as follows:

   - **Exam format and content:** Students write essay answers to a number of questions in a fixed time period. Answers to exam questions are expected to be typed by the student. Students are expected to select questions consistent with their plan of study. In other words, students should only respond to questions relevant to the coursework completed by the end of the first year of study.

   - **Scoring:** The scoring rubric for the exam includes High Pass (HP), Pass (P), Needs Remediation (NR), Fail (F). Passing performance is a rating of High Pass or Pass on 80% of the questions answered.

   - **Accommodations:** Students eligible for accommodations through the DRC should work with their DRC contact and the Director of Graduate Studies to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

   - **Consequences:** Answers scored as “Needs Remediation” or “Fail” will prompt recommendations from faculty members for remedial work related to each question. The timeline for completing remediation will be detailed in the letter given to the students. The faculty will review the performance of any student who fails one or more questions OR who receive “needs remediation” on two or more questions, and recommendations for additional remediation will be made by their program committee and the Department Head. Failure to make satisfactory academic progress (for example, as evidenced by poor performance on the first-year exam and failure to successfully complete remedial work) will result in review of student status and recommendations, which could include oral examination and/or discontinuation in the program.
5. **Pass the Comprehensive Examination**

A written comprehensive examination is required of all master’s students except those who successfully complete a thesis. The exam is scheduled during the last semester during which students take coursework required for graduation (typically, March). The comprehensive examination for students has two parts: written and oral. If a student completes the written portion of the examination in a satisfactory manner, the oral portion is waived. (The examination for the thesis student is an oral format as described in the Thesis section.)

- **Format**: The written portion of the Master's comprehensive examination is scheduled for a fixed time period with students answering a specific number of questions that cover the breadth of the field. To pass this examination, students must receive a rating of Pass on 80% of the questions. Answers are evaluated in terms of the information content; the organization; quality and clarity of writing, and references cited.

- **Scoring**: Scoring rubric for the exam includes High Pass (HP), Pass (P), Low Pass (LP), Fail (F).

- **Accommodations**: Students eligible for accommodations through the DRC should work with their DRC contact and the Director of Graduate Studies to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

- **Consequences**: An oral examination is given when the written portion is failed. The exam is comprehensive and is administered by the student’s major advisor along with two to three additional faculty representing topic areas that the student has failed. The oral examination is scheduled for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 3 hours. At least two-thirds of the examining committee must vote PASS for the student to pass this examination.
  
  - If a student passes the oral portion, he or she will be considered to have passed the comprehensive examination, which is reported to the Graduate College on the "Completion of Degree Requirements" form.
  
  - If a student fails the oral portion, he or she may retake the oral examination, with permission of the Department Head, after a lapse deemed appropriate by the student’s major advisor in consultation with the SLHS faculty. To pass the second oral examination, at least two-thirds of the committee members must vote PASS. The results of the second oral examination are final.

Students who fail to meet the deadlines and requirements of their remediation plan may be dismissed from the program. Following notification of unsatisfactory academic progress, the student may submit an appeal in writing to the Department Head.
Timeline for Completion of Master of Science Degree (Speech-Language Pathology)

Prior to beginning the first semester:
- Read and sign Technical Standards Form to affirm the standards are met
- Complete Fingerprint application (instructions available from Program Coordinator)
- Attend orientation program and receive Cactus Book and other associated forms
- Complete HIPAA training (UAccess Edge Learning) [http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu](http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu)
- Complete Computer Lab training and receive password and code
- Complete Blood-Borne Pathogens test (online training through UAccess Edge Learning: [http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu](http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu))

**Fall Semester Year 1**
- Meet with your academic advisor
- Complete departmental plan of study form, have signed by your advisor, and submit to department office. Forms can be found on the SLHS D2L Community page under MS.
- Complete student clinical profile in the electronic tracking system for clinical education (CALIPSO) and enter clinical contact hours as instructed by the clinical faculty.

**Spring Semester Year 1**
- Update CALIPSO: Complete student clinical profile and enter clinical contact hours as instructed by the clinical faculty.

**Summer Session**
- Pass First Year Examination
- Update CALIPSO: Complete student clinical profile and enter clinical contact hours as instructed by the clinical faculty.

**Fall Semester Year 2**
- Attend orientation: GradPath forms
- Complete HIPAA retraining (at orientation)
- Complete Blood-Borne Pathogens test through UAccess Edge Learning [http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu](http://www.uaccess.arizona.edu)
- Update CALIPSO: Complete student clinical profile and enter clinical contact hours as instructed by the clinical faculty.
- Complete Responsible Conduct of Research Statement through UAccess (GradPath form)
- Complete Plan of Study (GradPath form)
- Complete Committee Form (GradPath form)

**Spring Semester Year 2**
- Pass Comprehensive Examination or Thesis Defense
- Take the National Examination (PRAXIS; send scores to ASHA R5031 and UA SLP/AuD RA0002)
- Finalize all information in CALIPSO
- Completion of Master’s degree requirements form in GradPath will be completed by the department.
- Notify Director of Graduate Studies of employment plans to facilitate needed documentation for licensing

**Graduation**
The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Science holds a graduation ceremony for all undergraduate and graduate students for the May graduation. In addition, commencement ceremonies are held for the College of Science and the University of Arizona Graduate Students.
Advice for Students Completing a Leveling Year for the MS in Speech-Language Pathology

All students will be assigned an academic advisor to help with the development of a plan of study. A fillable pdf form is provided to map out the plan of study (download Plan of Study form from SLHS D2L Community page under MS). After coursework is planned, turn in a copy of the plan of study with academic advisor signature to Nickole Hayward.

Clinical Recommendations
During the first semester of enrollment, complete 25 hours of supervised observation in any of the Departmental Clinics including Grunewald-Blitz Clinic (GBC), Adult Hearing Clinic (AHC), Clinic for Adult Communication Disorders (CAC). During the second semester, students should enroll in the Clinician Assistant Program (CAP). As a CAP student, you will be assigned to 1 or 2 cases, serving as an active assistant to the graduate student clinician. Activities will include monitoring and documenting key client behavior, interacting as a conversational partner, or demonstrating desired speech-language behaviors as a third person model. During the second semester, students are encouraged sit it on the weekly Clinical Studies meetings to learn more about clinic procedures and policies.

Students have the option of participating in clinic during the summer between the leveling year and first year as an MS student. Discuss this with the Associate Head for Clinical Education if interested.

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All missing coursework identified during admission, should also be taken during the leveling year. Please meet with your advisor early in your first semester to determine what courses need to be completed.
University Policies and Resources

The University of Arizona seeks to promote a safe environment where students and employees can participate in the educational process without compromising health, safety, or welfare. To that end, policies and guidelines are provided for student and faculty conduct, and excellent resources are available to support all members of the university community. We encourage students to seek guidance and assistance from SLHS faculty and staff as needed, including direct contact with the department head or associate heads. Anyone who experiences or is aware of discriminatory conduct or threatening behavior is urged to report the concern without delay. Concerns or needs can be communicated directly to the appropriate university offices, including the Dean of Students, Human Resources, and the Office of Institutional Equity.

Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy: The University is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free of discrimination; see http://policy.arizona.edu/human-resources/nondiscrimination-and-anti-harassment-policy

Threatening Behavior Policy: The UA Threatening Behavior by Students Policy prohibits threats of physical harm to any member of the University community, including to oneself. See http://policy.arizona.edu/education-and-student-affairs/threatening-behavior-students.

UA Office of Institutional Equity: http://equity.arizona.edu/

University of Arizona Graduate College Grievance Policy: https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/grievance-policy

Code of Academic Integrity: All members of the University of Arizona community have a responsibility to uphold and maintain an honest academic environment by following the UA Code of Academic Integrity. Students are encouraged to share intellectual views and discuss freely the principles and applications of course materials. However, graded work/exercises must be the product of independent effort unless otherwise instructed. Students are expected to adhere to the UA Code of Academic Integrity as described in the UA General Catalog. See https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/code-academic-integrity

Support Services and Resources for Students

Support Services: Student Assistance serves as a central support resource for all students. Help is available to support students and their families manage crises, life traumas, and other barriers that impede success. The staff works to address the needs of students who struggle in such areas as psychological health, physical health, victimization, relationship issues, social adjustment, and academics through a variety of interventions, referrals, and follow up services. We strive for a culture of caring on campus. Resources are available here: https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/support/student-assistance

Disability Resources Center: The Disability Resource Center (DRC) leads the University in a progressive and proactive approach to campus accessibility. Our goal is to ensure that disabled students, employees and visitors, have a similar, if not identical, experience to that of their non-disabled counterparts. In addition to facilitating individual accommodations, DRC works proactively to impact the systemic design of our campus environments to be seamlessly accessible, reducing or eliminating the need for any individual accommodations or modifications. https://drc.arizona.edu/about
**Child Care Subsidies and Family Friendly Information:** The Graduate College is dedicated to promoting and strengthening family relationships. Many resources have been designed to help graduate students balance and manage family, work, and school. You can find information about the resources listed below at the following website: [https://grad.arizona.edu/new-and-current-students](https://grad.arizona.edu/new-and-current-students).

- Graduate Assistant/Associate Parental Leave
- Temporary Alternative Duty Assignments (TADA) for Teaching Assistants/Associates
- Extension of Time to Degree Policy
- Life & Work Connections - Child and Elder Care Resources

**Graduate College Helpful Information:** The Graduate College has compiled a list of links that are useful for both new and current graduate students. You can find the list here: [https://grad.arizona.edu/new-and-current-students](https://grad.arizona.edu/new-and-current-students). Topics covered are listed below.

- Academic Services, Policies, and Procedures
- Costs & Funding
- Professional Development
- Health, Wellness, and Safety
- Other UA Resources & Information
- Third-Party Information & Resources
- New and Current Students FAQ
APPENDIX A

Technical Standards
Clinical Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program, University of Arizona

Applicants for admission to The University of Arizona, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences Clinical Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program must possess the capability to complete, with or without reasonable accommodations, the entire clinical curriculum. The professional curriculum requires demonstrated proficiency in a variety of cognitive, problem solving, manipulative, communication, and interpersonal skills. To achieve these proficiencies, the Clinical Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program requires that each student be able to meet the following technical standards.

1. **Observation**
   Students must be able to accurately observe patients’ physical status including body type, posture, ability to ambulate, fine motor skills, response to sensory stimuli, and the structure and function of the oral, pharyngeal, and respiratory mechanisms. Additionally, students must be able to accurately observe clients’ behavior including verbal and nonverbal communication patterns. Finally, students also must be able to comprehend text, numbers, and graphs.

2. **Communication**
   Students must be able to communicate effectively, sensitively, and efficiently with clients and colleagues; comprehend technical, procedural, and professional materials; and follow instructions. Students must possess the ability to readily communicate observations and findings, prepare progress notes, correspondence, and evaluation or treatment reports in a clear, logical and professional manner.

   Students must be able to perceive the speech of clients and accurately judge its quality. They must be able to readily comprehend language expressed in oral, graphic, and gestural forms. The speech and English language skills of a student must be such that colleagues and clients readily understand them. Moreover, students must be able to model desired exemplars of voice, fluency, articulation, and oral/nasal resonance, as well as features of English grammar and syntax, consistent with the objectives for clients in treatment. Finally, the students’ speech and language skills must be intelligible to allow for administration of speech and language assessment instruments in a reliable and valid manner.

3. **Motor Coordination**
   Students must be able to travel to various clinical practicum sites; access and control equipment (e.g., computers, Visipitch, Nasometer); safely and reliably perform an oral mechanism examination, and engage in oral manipulation (e.g., oral musculature palpation, laryngeal massage) as needed.

4. **Intellect**
   A student must be able to problem solve effectively, and analyze, integrate and synthesize data concurrently in a multi-task setting. In addition, students must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of anatomical structures, physiology, pathology and equipment.

5. **Behavioral and Social Attributes**
   Students must possess the emotional health required to exercise good judgment, and timely and safely carry out responsibilities. They must be able to adapt to change, display flexibility and learn to function in stressful situations. The students must exhibit empathy for others and focus on the needs of clients. They must exhibit polite behavior, integrity, manage criticism, be reliable and punctual and be respectful in relations with colleagues, faculty and clients.
APPENDIX B

Remediation Plan for “C” Grade in SLHS Course

Student’s Name: ________________________________________________

Course Number and Title: ________________________________________

The following remedial work should be completed to assure that the student meets the standard(s) relevant to this course. Once the remedial work has been completed, mastery of knowledge and skills for the course will be documented in CALIPSO.

Student must complete this remediation plan by: ____________________ (date)

Date: ___________________ Instructor’s Signature: ______________________

Date: ___________________ Student’s Signature: _________________________

Failure to complete this plan by this date will result in:

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The Remediation plan has been completed.

Date: ___________________ Instructor’s Signature: ______________________

Please submit this form to Graduate Coordinator, Nickole Hayward (Room 224).