

Pre-Speech Pathology

Speech pathology is the study of disorders that affect a person's speech, language, cognition, voice, and swallowing. The profession aims to reduce/eliminate these issues from a person's life. Speech pathologists can work in: private and public schools (48%), hospitals, private practices, rehabilitation centers, home care, community clinics, or even state and local health departments. A typical day on the job includes tasks such as; using written and oral tests as well as instruments to help diagnose the patient, making a planned schedule for the patient to follow, running through exercises with patients, and speaking with parents about their plan of action at home.

Admissions requirements vary for each speech pathology program. Prior to the application process, students should research the required prerequisite coursework, residential restrictions, application requirements, and deadlines for each school of interest

Application Process: Students interested in speech pathology programs should plan to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) in the spring of their junior year or summer prior to senior year. In addition to this, most graduate schools require at least two letters of recommendation and a personal statement. Students interested in attending should complete their applications in the summer/fall of their senior year.

	Prerequisite Coursework	Drake Course
FR	Biological Sciences	BIO 012: General/Pre-Professional Biology I & Lab (Fall) BIO 013: General/Pre-Professional Biology II & Lab (Spring)
	Inorganic Chemistry	CHEM 001/003: General Chemistry I & Lab (Fall) CHEM 002/004: General Chemistry II & Lab (Spring)
	Composition	First Year Seminar (Fall) Written Communication AOI (Fall, Spring)
SO	Organic Chemistry	CHEM 097/098: Organic Chemistry I & Lab (Fall)
	Mathematics	MATH 050: Calculus I (Fall, Spring)
SO or JR	Social Sciences	Psychology, History, Sociology, Anthropology, etc. (Fall, Spring)
JR or SR	Recommended Courses (mostly General Elective & Professional Elective)	HSCI 125: Physiology & Lab (S) HSCI 145: Health Coaching (F) HSCI 141: Anatomy & Lab (F) STAT 060: Stats for Life Sciences (F, S) HSCI 140: Patient Assessment (F)

ADDITIONAL SPEECH PATHOLOGY RESOURCES

American SLH Association – <http://www.asha.org/careers/>
 University Programs – <https://www.asha.org/edfind/>
 Speech-Language Certification – <https://www.asha.org/certification/>