

The Master of Science degree in LP PM LP prepares you to become a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist (SLP). SLPs work in a variety of settings including schools, hospitals, performing arts venues and universities. Ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 10 best jobs, SLPs are responsible for the evaluation and treatment of persons with communication and swallowing disorders. These disorders can be the results of neurological accidents such as strokes, traumatic brain injuries or developmental disabilities.

Degree Requirements

Shenandoah's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology is designed for students with a Bachelor of Science in communication disorders or related fields (psychology, biology, education, etc.) and provides academic and clinical coursework needed to meet national certification and Virginia state licensure requirements. Students who apply for the MS-SLP program without a background in communication sciences and disorders or speech pathology (usually a Bachelor of Science) must have completed specific prerequisite courses prior to applying for admission.

Students in the MS-SLP program must complete 60 academic credit hours and 400 clinical practicum hours under the supervision of a certified speechlanguage pathologist. Students will earn clinical practicum experience through the university-based speech, language and hearing clinic in addition to external placement sites. The program prepares graduates to earn a passing score on the PRAXIS and complete a clinical fellowship, both requirements for certification



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