

Yeshiva University is preparing to offer a new Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology, and is seeking Candidacy status with the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The program will lead to the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and licensure in the state of New York. The SLP graduate program has been approved by the State of New York. Enrollment of students will begin following Candidacy approval by CAA.

When the graduate program is initiated the following admission criteria will be followed:

- Completion of a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum 3.0 grade point average in the prerequisite coursework. For applicants with an undergraduate major other than in speech-language pathology (communication sciences and disorders), completion of the required pre-requisite courses with a grade of "B" or better.
- Credits for prerequisite courses from other universities may be accepted by the department if they contain equivalent information. Consideration of these course credits will be made only after an applicant is accepted into the graduate SLP program.
- General GRE scores (verbal, quantitative, and writing) (taken within the last 5 years); no minimum GRE score is required.
- Personal statement 2-3 pages in length (typed) on career motivation to become a Speech-Language Pathologist.
- Professional vita or resume.
- Recommendation letters from 2 or 3 individuals.
- Applicants who are not native speakers of English will be required to pass the TOEFL (program code 7619) and demonstrate English speaking and comprehension skills appropriate for service delivery. TOEFL minimum score is 610 (253 on computer-based), which must be received by the institution prior to the admission into the graduate program. Students may be referred for accent reduction or ESL instruction. All students must demonstrate sufficient mastery of English proficiency to be able to succeed as a graduate student and to practice the profession of speech-language pathology.
- Applications to the graduate program will start following approval of Candidacy applicant by CAA, and will continue as a rolling deadline until July 1, 2016.

After ranking eligible candidates, a personal interview may be conducted of the top ranked eligible candidates in the discretion of the program's admissions committee.

#### **PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must show proof of satisfactory completion of all prerequisite coursework. Prerequisite courses are required to be completed by all applicants who do not have an academic speech-language pathology background.

Prerequisite communication sciences courses include:

Introduction to Language Acquisition (3 credits): An introduction to the nature of language and communication.

Phonetics of American English or Phonetics (3 credits): Phonetic features of oral American English and dialectal variations of American English and non-native English speech.

Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (3 credits): An overview of the structure of speech and the basic mechanisms involved in the production of speech sounds; a foundation for a more in-depth study of speech science and its application to clinical practice in speech-language pathology and audiology.

Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology (3 credits): Introduction to organic and behavioral correlates of human communication, its development and disorders.

Introduction to Audiology (4 credits): An overview of the field of audiology inclusive of acoustics, anatomy and physiology of the ear, and measurement of disorders.

Speech Science (3 credits): The acoustical components of speech and their physiological correlates: information-bearing elements in the speech signal and their perceptual processing.

Hearing Science (3 credits): Principles of acoustics, anatomy and physiology of the ear and auditory system, and psychoacoustics

In addition to the 22 credits of prerequisite communication sciences and disorders courses listed above, applicants must also fulfill the following requirements at either an undergraduate and/or graduate level: English (6 credits); social science (6 credits); biological science (3 credits—no lab necessary); physical science (3 credits—no lab necessary); statistics (3 credits); history (3 credits); arts (3 credits); and non-English language (3 credits) requirements.

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