**Masters of Science Program of Study**

**Speech- Language Pathology**

**Sample Curriculum**

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| **MS/SLP CORE Content** | **60 total cumulative hours for MS/SLP** |
| **Fall Year 1** |  |
| SPHS 762: Language Impairments in School Age Children (3)  SPHS 741: Neuroanatomy (3)  SPHS 743: Pediatric Speech Disorders (4)  SPHS 765: Augmentative Alternative Communication (3)  SPHS 771: Supervised Clinical Experience I (1)  SPHS 776: Ethical Practice Policies and Guidelines (1) |  |
| **Spring Year 1** |  |
| SPHS 701: Introduction to Research Design (3)  SPHS 760: Adult Communication Disorders (3)  SPHS 754: Dysphagia (3)  SPHS 772: Supervised Clinical Experience II (1)  SPHS 777: Contemporary Professional Issues (1) | Elective Options:  SPHS 880: Autism Seminar (3) OR  SPHS 834: Counseling and Communication Disorders (3)  SPHS 751: Communication Disorders: Global Service Learning (2) |
| **Summer** |  |
| SPHS 773:Supervised Clinical Experience (1)  SPHS 778: Culturally Responsive Practices in SLP (2) |  |
| **Fall Year 2** |  |
| SPHS 744: Motor Speech Disorders (4)  SPHS 774: Supervised Clinical Experience IV (1)  SPHS 752: Seminar in Medical SLP (3)  OR  SPHS 806: Seminar in Early Intervention (3)  SPHS 803: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (3)  OR  SPHS 804: Adult Aural Rehabilitation (3) | Elective Options:  SPHS 792: Pediatric Dysphagia (2)  SPHS 742: Aphasia (3)  SPHS 840: Aging and Communication (3) |
| **Spring Year 2** |  |
| SPHS 870: Research Experience (3)  SPHS 775: Supervised Clinical Experience V (2)  SPHS 779: Professional Practice Issues (2)  + Optional Elective if needed | Electives:  SPHS 751: Communication Disorders: Global Service Learning (2)  SPHS 880: Autism Seminar (3) OR  SPHS 834: Counseling and Communication Disorders (3)  SPHS 802.095: Cognitive Communication Disorders (3) |

**DIVISION OF SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES:**

**MS/SLP COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS**

The Master’s Degree program in Speech-Language Pathology offers a range of courses. At the completion of the Master’s course of study students are eligible to receive a Master of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences and to take the national examination for certification known as the Praxis Examination.

\*Each student is required to complete a minimum of **60 credit hours**in the M.S. program.

**RESEARCH COMPETENCIES**

All students will attain a foundation in research in their program of study through coursework in research design (SPHS 701), as well as guided research experiences (SPHS 870); a master’s thesis is also an option.

**CLINICAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

In order to achieve eligibility for certification in speech-language pathology, all students complete a **minimum of 400 clock hours** of supervised clinical experience in the practice of speech-language pathology. Students must acquire a minimum of 25 hours in clinical observation, and a minimum of 375 hours of clinical experience, which may include up to 75 hours of clinical simulations.

**SUMMATIVE EVALUATIONS**

**SPHS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION:**All students are required to take the Comprehensive Examination, which is administered in year 2.

**THE PRAXIS EXAMINATION:**Students are required to take and pass the national Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology to be eligible for certification and for licensure in some states, including North Carolina. Students typically take the Praxis Exam in the last semester of their program of study.