SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (SLP)

SLP 101 | INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Overview of the field of communication and its disorders with emphasis on speech-language pathology and audiology as a profession; current requirements for professional practice; professional ethics; definition, identification, and classification of disorders of hearing, speech, language, cognition and swallowing. Students will acquire 5 clinical observation hours in this course.

SLP 210 | PHONETICS | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
This course examines the articulatory, acoustic, and linguistic properties of speech. Instruction in using the International Phonetic Alphabet for phonetic transcription is provided.

SLP 310 | NORMAL CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
An overview of normal language acquisition, focusing on theories, experimental findings and milestones in typically developing children will be addressed. Students will acquire 5 clinical observation hours in this course.

SLP 320 | INTRODUCTION TO SPEECH SOUND DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Study of phonological and articulatory development in children, as well as the etiology, symptomatology, evaluation, and treatment of articulation and phonological disorders will be examined. Students will acquire 5 clinical observation hours in this course.

SLP 330 | INTRODUCTION TO AUDIOLOGY | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Review of the history of audiology as a profession; study of symptoms, causes, and treatment of hearing losses; and principles and application of basic audiometry.

SLP 332 | AURAL REHABILITATION | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Examination of methods for assessing and treating hearing disorders in adults and children, as well as conditions that result in hearing loss.

SLP 340 | ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY OF THE SPEECH, LANGUAGE, SWALLOWING & HEARING MECHANISM | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Study of anatomic and physiologic mechanisms underlying respiration, phonation, and articulatory mechanisms. Overview of the peripheral auditory system, neuroanatomy, and normal swallowing will also be addressed.

SLP 342 | SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCE | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Consideration of the physiology of the speech production, psychoacoustics and perceptual aspects of speech.

SLP 400 | INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION | 2 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Interprofessional education is defined as occasions when two or more professions learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and quality of patient care. This course focuses on developing the core competencies that define the skills and interprofessional behaviors that health professionals across the continuum need in order to participate effectively in collaborative practice and team-based care. This course will afford students the opportunity to work with other pre-professional students as well as with patient simulation activities.

SLP 401 | NEUROGENIC BASIS OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Advanced study of neuroanatomy and neurophysiology with emphasis on the structures and circuits in the human nervous system mediating motor, sensory, perceptual, linguistic, and cognitive functions important for speech, language and hearing function. Material related to normal and abnormal neurological development over the lifespan will also be explored. The course integrates neuroanatomy with cognitive neuroscience through assigned readings, lectures, and laboratory experiences. Brain dissection laboratory experiences enhance mastery of neurological concepts introduced in the course.

SLP 402 | CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND DISORDERS | 3 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course is an exploration of evidence-based practice to discuss cultural and linguistic diversity across the lifespan to provide minimally biased assessment and treatment of communication disorders. Bilingual speech and language acquisition in typically and atypically developing children will be examined. The course will focus on developing cross-cultural competence through understanding cultural diversity, multilingual acquisition, multilingualism, effective use of interpreters and translators, and service delivery strategies.

SLP 403 | PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AND ETHICS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY | 3 quarter hours
(Graduate)
The scope of practice for the speech-language pathology profession will be examined. Students will explore expectations for professional behavior based upon standards of practice and the ASHA Code of Ethics. Emphasis will be placed on issues of ethical and professional integrity in clinical practice, and will include topics such as certification and licensure, quality assurance, evidence-based practice, and reimbursement topics.

SLP 410 | RESEARCH METHODS | 3 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Research methods commonly used in the field of speech-language pathology, including basic research concepts, common research designs, and methods of data analysis will be examined.

SLP 411 | TOPICS IN RESEARCH FOR SLPS: EBP | 2 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Students will gain experience critiquing professional literature relevant to clinical and/or research practices. Emphasis will be on the integration of research evidence and critical thinking into practice. Students will complete a literature review on a topic of interest and use it to inform evidence-based, clinical decisions.
SLP 410 and SLP 411 are prerequisites for this class.

SLP 420 | SPEECH SOUND DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course addresses speech sound disorders of developmental or linguistic origin. Highlights include practice collecting and analyzing comprehensive speech samples, administering standardized tests, and planning therapeutic interventions, with an emphasis on case presentations of clients with articulation and phonological impairment.

SLP 421 | LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
The study of early language milestones, processes, and theories; and the examination of the nature and characteristics of disordered language acquisition in young children (birth through age 5) will be examined in this course. Topics include the speech-language pathologist’s role in prevention, communication and language assessment and intervention techniques, models of service delivery, relevant legislation, and speech and language resources available to families, educators, and service providers. Students will practice language sampling and analysis.

SLP 421 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 422 | LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN SCHOOL-AGE POPULATIONS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Language disorders of school-age children and adolescents, with an emphasis on the social, cognitive and linguistic aspects of language impairment will be examined in this course. Formal and informal assessment methods will be reviewed, along with intervention models commonly used in school and private settings. Students will practice narrative analysis.

SLP 421 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 423 | AUTISM & OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
In this course, students will examine pediatric communication disorders related to the autism spectrum, genetic syndromes, and craniofacial anomalies. The etiologies of these conditions and co-morbid disorders will be discussed. Assessment and intervention models will be reviewed.

SLP 421 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 424 | LANGUAGE, LITERACY & LEARNING | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course explores the theoretical models of language, literacy and learning. The relationships between reading, writing, speaking and listening will be examined, including the impact on school performance. Reading and writing assessment and intervention models will be examined.

SLP 420 and SLP 421 are prerequisites for this class.

SLP 430 | APHASIA | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
The causes, assessment, and treatment of acquired language disorders in adults, including aphasia, right hemisphere syndromes, and dementia will be examined. Etiologies of these conditions, including neurological correlates for presenting symptoms, will be reviewed. Assessment and intervention models will be discussed, with attention to the cognitive, linguistic, and social aspects of resulting communication disorders.

SLP 401 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 431 | DYSPHAGIA | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Study of the anatomic and physiologic systems involved in normal swallowing and swallowing disorders (dysphagia) in adults and children will be explored. Emphasis on the role of the speech-language pathologist in the areas of assessment and treatment of dysphagia and as a team member in the areas of dysphagia related counseling, ethical and quality of life issues.

SLP 401 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 432 | ACQUIRED NEUROLINGUISTIC AND NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Examination of the neural bases and characteristics that result from acquired conditions, with emphasis on traumatic brain injury, dementia, and other degenerative neurological conditions will be explored. Principles of assessment, differential diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and recovery processes associated with these disorders will be examined. SLP 401 and SLP 431 are prerequisites for this class.

SLP 433 | MOTOR SPEECH DISORDER | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course covers assessment and treatment of neurogenic speech disorders, including the various types of dysarthria and apraxia. The complex process of differential diagnosis of these conditions will be addressed, along with numerous treatment approaches designed to target respiration, phonation, articulation, resonance and prosodic components of motor speech disorders.

SLP 401 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 440 | VOICE AND RESONANCE DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Students examine the anatomical and physiological correlates of phonation and oral/nasal resonance, as well as the exploration of diagnosis and management of congenital, acquired, and non-organic disorders of phonation. This course teaches evaluative and therapeutic aspects of voice and resonance disorders, including laryngectomy, cleft lip/palate, vocal fold hyperfunction, and therapies associated with a variety of neurogenic communication disorders.

SLP 401 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 441 | FLUENCY DISORDERS | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course is an overview of potential etiologies and characteristics of fluency and related disorders in children and adults. Focus on assessment, diagnosis, and effective treatment of stuttering across the lifespan is discussed. Consideration of the experience of stuttering from the point of view of the person who stutters will be explored.

SLP 401 is a prerequisite for this class.

SLP 442 | AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN | 3 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course will address the complex communication needs of individuals with severe communication, sensory and/or physical impairments who may require the use of augmentative and alternative communication systems (AAC). Students will become familiar with various types of assistive technologies used for AAC. Cognitive, educational, physical, psycho-social, and linguistic aspects are considered together with symbol characteristics, teaching strategies, and research issues that impact AAC selection and implementation. AAC assessment and intervention strategies will be addressed, including interdisciplinary contributions from physical and occupational therapists.
SLP 450 | SPECIAL TOPICS | 3-9 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This course is an in-depth study of current issues in Speech-Language Pathology. Content and format of these courses are variable. Subject matter will be indicated in the class schedule. The Speech-Language Pathology department offers special topics in a variety of areas. Students may take more than one special topics course as an elective. This course is repeatable.

SLP 480 | CLINICAL METHODS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY | 3 quarter hours
(Graduate)
The fundamentals of clinical methods, including assessing and treating individuals with communication disorders, the concepts of behavior change, session design, and functional, client-focused treatment will be explored. Discussion of data collection and documentation methods, as well as the basics of clinical writing.

SLP 481 | CLINICAL PRACTICUM I | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is the first of four supervised part-time speech-language pathology practicum experiences at the DePaul University Clinic, or other community-based sites. Students will work with a licensed speech-language pathologist faculty member to plan and conduct assessment and intervention sessions for clients with communication disorders.
SLP 480 is a prerequisite for this class

SLP 482 | CLINICAL PRACTICUM II | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is the second of four supervised part-time speech-language pathology practicum experiences at the DePaul University Clinic, or other community-based sites. Students will work with a licensed speech-language pathologist faculty member to plan and conduct assessment and intervention sessions for clients with communication disorders.
SLP 480 and SLP 481 are prerequisites for this class

SLP 483 | CLINICAL PRACTICUM III | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is the third of four supervised part-time speech-language pathology practicum experiences at the DePaul University Clinic, or other community-based sites. Students will work with a licensed speech-language pathologist faculty member to plan and conduct assessment and intervention sessions for clients with communication disorders.
SLP 480 and SLP 481 and SLP 482 are prerequisites for this class

SLP 484 | CLINICAL PRACTICUM IV | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is the fourth and final supervised part-time speech-language pathology practicum experiences at the DePaul University Clinic, or other community-based sites. Students will work with a licensed speech-language pathologist faculty member to plan and conduct assessment and intervention sessions for clients with communication disorders.
SLP 480 and SLP 481 and SLP 482 and SLP 483 are prerequisites for this class

SLP 485 | EXTERNSHIP: SCHOOL PRACTICUM | 8 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is a full-time supervised speech-language pathology practicum in a healthcare or other clinical setting, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient facilities, early intervention, private practices, or private schools. Students will acquire experience in individual and group therapy, assessment, consultation, and interdisciplinary staffing. This course consists of a 10-week, full-time clinical site placement. May be taken before or after SLP 485.
SLP 480 and SLP 481 and SLP 482 and SLP 483 and SLP 484 are prerequisites for this class

SLP 486 | EXTERNSHIP: MEDICAL PRACTICUM | 8 quarter hours
(Graduate)
This is a full-time supervised speech-language pathology practicum in a healthcare or other clinical setting, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient facilities, early intervention, private practices, or private schools. Students will acquire experience in individual and group therapy, assessment, consultation, and interdisciplinary staffing. This course consists of a 10-week, full-time clinical site placement. May be taken before or after SLP 485.
SLP 480 and SLP 481 and SLP 482 and SLP 483 and SLP 484 are prerequisites for this class