



Speech and Hearing Sciences

Pathway Preparation Sheet 2017-2018

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA Degree Planning Guide, with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program in Speech and Hearing Sciences or Communication Disorders.

A **master’s degree** is considered an entry-level requirement for employment, therefore most students will need to complete a graduate program before they begin to practice in the field.

See also: www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WA/licensure/

Speech and Hearing Sciences – What is it?

Speech and Hearing Sciences prepares students to work with patients who have speech, language or hearing disorders. Typically, speech pathologists treat clients with speech and language problems, while audiologists assess, diagnose and treat hearing loss and balance disorders. In both professions, early detection and prevention screening are important for the treatment and remediation of communication disorders.

Areas of Study in Speech and Language Sciences: Phonetics, Audiometry, Speech Anatomy and Physiology, Neuroanatomy, Language Development, Language and Literacy, Motor Speech Disorders, Hearing Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation, Dysphasia, Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Disorders, Assessment and Diagnostics, Bilingual and Cultural Issues, Research Methods and Professional Ethics.

Where can I go for help?

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Speech Language Pathology Assistant –Shoreline cannot assist students in gaining SLPA licensure. For more information see: <http://www.asha.org/associates/SLPA-FAQs/> and <http://wslha.wordpress.com/2010/03/13/frequently-asked-questions-for-slua-certification/>

What can I do with a graduate degree in speech pathology?

The field of Communication Disorders requires graduate study, certification and licensure to practice. Speech Pathologists and Audiologists develop strong communication, critical thinking, problem solving and technical skills to identify, evaluate, manage and treat people with communication disorders. While most Speech Pathologists and Audiologists work in public schools, others teach, conduct research and serve as consultants to government and industry.

Potential employers include: Public and private schools, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, government agencies, private practice, business and industry. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

General Education Requirements (20 Credits)	Required: ENGL& 101; ENGL& 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Recommended: MATH& 146
Humanities (15 Credits)	Recommended: ASL& 121 or other world language; CMST& 101, 210, 220
Math - Science (15 Credits)	Strongly Recommended: BIOL& 170, CHEM& 121, PHYS& 114 Recommended: BIOL &211, &241, &242, PHYS 110
Social Sciences (15 Credits)	Strongly Recommended: PSYC& 100 Recommended: PSYC& 200, 220, PSYC 206, SOC& 101, ANTH& 206, INTST 101, 200, 201
General Electives (Minimum 25 Credits)	Recommended: ASL& 122, 123

Where can I transfer and what does my chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

Students who want to practice in Speech and Language Pathology or Audiology need to complete a master’s or doctoral degree. Admissions for all Master’s degree programs in Washington State require: Completion of a baccalaureate degree in Communication Disorders or Speech and Hearing Sciences, a 3.0 in last 90 quarter credits, Graduate Record Exam (GRE), letter of intent or personal statement, and letters of recommendation.

For students who have a bachelor’s degree in a different major, all universities below offer a post-baccalaureate program designed to prepare students for entry into graduate programs.

School	Transfer Information	School	Transfer Information
Eastern Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhnq	Washington State University–Spokane	http://tinyurl.com/k8hnb33
University of Washington–Seattle	http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl	Western Washington University	http://www.wvu.edu/vtc/

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**