



Speech and Hearing Sciences

Major Preparation Sheet 2016-2017

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 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** 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/

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

The AA-DTA makes it possible for students to transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S. with junior standing. Washington State institutions are listed below with Speech and Hearing Sciences majors, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Speech and Hearing Sciences department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

Public Institutions
[Eastern Washington University](http://www.eastern.washington.edu)
[University of Washington](http://www.u.washington.edu)
[Washington State University](http://www.washingtonstate.edu)
[Western Washington University](http://www.western.washington.edu)

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-slpa-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 www.shoreline.edu/advising/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx.

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning	MATH &146
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II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS *45 credits*

Humanities (*15 credits*)

ASL 121 or other world language; CMST &101, &210, &220

Math - Science (*15 credits*)

BIOL &170, CHEM &121, PHYS &114

BIOL &211, &241, &242, PHYS 110

Social Sciences (*15 credits*)

PSYC &100

PSYC &200, 206, &220, SOC &101, ANTH &206, INTST 101, 200, 201

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

ASL &122, &123

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	Degrees	Requirements
Eastern Washington University	B.A. in Communication Disorders; M.S. in Communication Disorders	Admission requirements— A 2.75 GPA is required. Recommended courses before transfer: BIOL &170, CMST &210, MATH &146, PSYC &100; one class in Chemistry or Physics; one class in Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology. ASL is recommended.
University of Washington – Seattle	B.S. in Speech and Hearing Sciences; M.S. in Speech and Language Pathology, Doctor of Audiology and Doctor of Philosophy in Speech and Hearing Sciences.	Recommended courses before transfer: BIOL &170, MATH &146, PSYC &100; one class in Chemistry or Physics; one class in Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology
Washington State University – Spokane	B.A. and M.A. in Speech and Hearing Sciences	Admission requirements— Before transferring, students should complete BIOL &107 or BIOL &211-&213; CHEM &121 and &131 or PHYS &114-&116; PSYC &100; and MATH &146.
Western Washington University	B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.A. in Speech and Language Pathology	Students should begin Western’s lock-step program in fall quarter of their junior year. Course requirements for ASHA Certification: one course each in Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Physics, Social/Behavioral Sciences and Statistics (MATH &146).

**** 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.**