

Pre-Requisite Courses for Prospective Speech-Language Pathology Students

The speech-language pathology program requires pre-requisite content in the following areas (the number in parenthesis is the number of the course that we offer here at Ohio State):

- at least one course in college level mathematics;
- at least one course in college level physical sciences;
- a course in basic acoustics (SHS 340);
- a course in phonetics and phonetic transcription (SHS 320);
- a course or courses in speech and hearing science (SHS 420 and 440);
- a course in normal language development (SHS 330), and
- a course or courses in anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing mechanisms (SHS 420 & 440), and
- an introductory course in Audiology (SHS 540).

Most programs have a course for new students to observe in clinic (SHS 360); it would be useful, but not imperative, to have completed such a course.

Students have a number of options for completing these pre-requisite courses.

- 1) Some students choose to enroll as continuing education students for a year before entering graduate school (either at Ohio State or any other school that offers an undergraduate degree in communication disorders). This has the advantage of allowing you to complete the full complement of courses at a more “leisurely” pace, while paying undergraduate fees.
- 2) Some students choose to take the SHS courses via distance education (Ohio State, for example, offers all the courses listed above, except SHS 360, on-line). We have designed a sequence of courses offered Summer Quarter that will allow you to complete all of the pre-requisite courses prior to beginning graduate school in the fall. Information about the Summer Quarter distance learning courses will be available on the Speech and Hearing home page in March.
- 3) If you are still working on your undergraduate degree and you are at a university that has some or all of the courses available, you can take the courses as electives—a degree in speech and hearing is not necessary. If all courses are not offered, you can take the remainder on-line.
- 4) In certain **specially approved** cases, some of the pre-requisites may be taken as part of your graduate program. Please note, though, that this is likely to extend your graduate program beyond the typical 8 quarters to 10 or 12 quarters.

The courses do not all need to be taken before applying to graduate school. Instead, they are required prior to entry in the graduate program in the Autumn Quarter. Consequently, we often have several students completing the on-line Summer Institute the summer before starting the graduate program in the fall.

As each case is different, you will likely want to contact the department at shsgradchair@osu.edu to discuss your particular situation.