

# Online Pre-Master's Leveling Pathway in Speech-Language Pathology

## 30 Credit Hours

### Admission Requirements:

- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts.
- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT test scores.
- Availability of externship site/completion of externship cannot be guaranteed for applicants living outside of the United States.



### Completion Requirements:

Students must earn a C or higher in each class to meet prerequisite requirements for graduate programs.



### Locked-In Tuition

Once you enroll in a bachelor's degree program at ACU Online, our Locked-In Tuition plan guarantees you'll pay the same price for your entire program.

### Cost:

- Per Credit Hour - \$395
- A \$300 resource fee will be administered per part of term.
- Total cost of pathway will vary depending on credits needs.

### Job Outlook in Texas:



**2,833 Jobs**

Open in 2020\*



**3,769**

Unique Postings (9/16-12/21)



**\$61,100** per year

Median Earnings

\*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree. Source Emsi Analyst 2022.

### Acquired Skills:

#### Top Hard Skills

- Speech-Language Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Rehabilitation

#### Top Common Skills

- Communications
- Management
- Interpersonal Communications
- Time Management

## Course Requirements:

**CSDO 225: Phonetics** Articulatory and acoustic phonetics; includes experience in transcription skills with the International Phonetic Alphabet and appropriate experience in auditory discrimination. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

**CSDO 330: Language Development & Disorders** The normal acquisition of language with emphasis on language content (semantics), form (phonology/morphology/syntax), and use (pragmatics); with consideration of the causes, characteristics, and impact of developmental language disorders. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

**CSDO 352: Audiology** The science of audiology, hearing assessment and auditory functioning, the nature and prevention of hearing loss, and the measurement of auditory sensitivity and acuity. Includes practicum in hearing screening and basic audiometric testing.

**CSDO 353: Hearing Rehabilitation** Habilitation and rehabilitation for persons with hearing impairment. Theory and practice of acoustic amplification, auditory training, speech reading, speech habilitation, and educational considerations for the hearing impaired. Educational programming, cultural influences and social adjustments for the deaf.

**CSDO 356: Articulation & Phonologic Disorders** Principles of assessment and diagnosis of articulation and phonological disorders, including basic intervention approaches and normal phonological development. Includes overview of: phonological theories, speech sound disorders in selected populations, impact of dialect/bilingual considerations. CSDO 225. Admission to the CSD program required. A writing intensive course.

**CSDO 357: Organic & Neurogenic Disorders** An advanced study of speech and language disorders associated with cleft palate, cerebral palsy, laryngeal problems, and neurogenic speech and language disorders. Includes case studies and clinical observations. Prerequisites: CSDO 371

**CSDO 371: Neurological Bases of Communication** A survey of the neuroanatomy and neuro-physiological processes related to speech, language cognitive, and swallowing. Includes normal structure and function of the nervous system in human communication and resulting disorders that occur due to neurological dysfunction. Prerequisites: CSDO 381. Admission to the CSD major.

**CSDO 381: Anatomical & Physiological Processes of Communication** Principles of normal human anatomy, neuroanatomy, neurology, and physiology with special reference to the functions related to normal speech, hearing, language, and communication disorders.

**CSDO 319: Speech Science** The physics of sound and the use of instrumentation essential to the measurement of sound. Wave motion and sound production, sound perception and measurement, voice production, speech synthesis, hearing, acoustic phonetics, electronic sound production. Prerequisites: CSDO 225 or concurrent enrollment in CSDO 225.

**CSDO 493: Pre-Clinical Experience** Designed to familiarize the student with assessment and treatment procedures through real-time and video observations with pre- and post-debriefing. Opportunities to participate in paired-clinician activities. Emphasis on critical thinking and reflection. Prerequisite: CSDO 380. Admission to CSD program required. May be repeated.

ASHA prerequisite courses in addition to the above: a biology course, a chemistry or physics course, a social science course, and a statistics course [cannot be research methods]. Graduate programs expect a grade of C or better in these courses to meet the prerequisite.

These courses and the course sequence are not part of the accreditation process for the graduate program so we do not need to specify accreditation for leveling coursework.

Please see the ACU Catalog for full program details.