

Pre-Master's Leveling Pathway in SLP

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

100% ONLINE

30
CREDIT
HOURS



Admission Requirements:

- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts.
- 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.

Cost:

- Per Credit: \$395
- Per Course: \$1,185
- Total Tuition: \$11,850
- Total Tuition + Fees: \$13,400

Timeline: 1 Year

Job Outlook in Texas:

2,195 Jobs

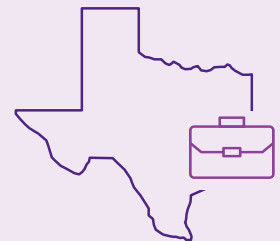
in 2025*

+1%

Employment Growth (2025-2026)

\$43,600 *per year*

Median Earnings



*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree. Source Lightcast 2026.



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.