THE JOURNEY TO BECOME A:

[SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST]

About the Program

The mission of the **Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders** is to serve the citizens of Kentucky and beyond by preparing graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to provide quality clinical services and assume leadership roles; by serving the community and the professions through provision of evidence-based clinical services, continuing education, and exchange of information among practitioners in communication disorders; and by promoting, conducting, and supporting research that contributes to the understanding and management of persons with communication disorders.

The undergraduate **Communication Disorders Program** leads to the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHS) Degree in the College of Health Sciences. Admissions to the BHS degree program is only the first step in obtaining full credentials to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. In order to practice as a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, it is necessary to first complete the bachelor's degree and then to gain admittance to and complete a master's degree program in Communication Disorders. Individuals holding only the bachelor's degree are not eligible for certification or licensure as speech-language pathologists, but may be eligible to work under supervision as speech-language pathology assistants in certain settings.

What is a Speech-Language Pathologist?

Speech-Language Pathologists help individuals of all ages with speech, language, hearing, feeding, and swallowing disorders in a variety of environments including schools, hospitals, rehab centers, and more. They evaluate and treat problems related to speech sound production, comprehension and production of language, voice, stuttering, swallowing, orofacial anomalies, communication modalities, and hearing. They also provide:

- *counseling*
- *education*
- *vocational guidance & rehabilitation*
- *conduct research related to disorders of communication*

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Program Requirements

Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHS) in Communication Sciences & Disorders

A selective pre-professional degree program preparing students to enter graduate degree programs in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.

Admission Criteria

- Minimum 42 earned college credits at time of application
- Successful applicants typically have a GPA above 3.0
- Minimum 21 ACT or equivalent SAT
- Completion of PSY 100 (or UK equivalent)
- Application deadline: **February 1**

Master of Science (MS) in Communication Sciences & Disorders

A selective professional degree program preparing students for certification and licensure as Speech-Language Pathologists. The program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology.

Admission Criteria

- Earned bachelor's degree*
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate college GPA (average is 3.5)
- The average GRE score over last four years is 154 (V) and 150 (Q)
- Application deadline: **January 15**

** Limited space for students with degrees in non-communication-disorders fields*

? Have more questions?

Visit the Communication Sciences and Disorders website for more info regarding curricula, application requirements and deadlines
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