Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology H70101BAT

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology-Tagged Degree (Note a)

The following information has official approval of the **School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

*****Early transfer to the College of Health Professions can occur after completing 12 credits at the University of Akron, completing at least one core science and earning a 3.0 GPA or higher at The University of Akron.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf

1st Year	**Fall Semester**	Credit Hours	Prerequisites & ASHA Standards
7700:110	Introduction to Disorders of Communication	3	
	English Composition I Requirement	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
3100:200	*Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture (Natural Science Requirement)*	3	ASHA Standard IV-A, biological science
3100:201	*Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab (Natural Science Requirement)*	1	
3750:100	*Introduction to Psychology (Social Science Requirement)*	3	ASHA Standard IV-A, social science
Total		**16**	

1st Year	**Spring Semester**		
	English Composition II Requirement	3	3300:111 or equivalent
3100:202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lecture	3	3100:200
3100:203	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1	
3470:250	*Statistics for Everyday Life (Math Requirement)* (or 3470:260 Basic Statistics)	4 (3)	ASHA Standard IV-A, statistics
3750:230	Developmental Psychology	4	3750:100, ASHA Standard IV-B, psychological development across the lifespan
	Physical Education/Wellness Requirement	1	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Fall Semester**		
7700:210	Introduction to Clinical Phonetics	4	
7700:230	Language Science & Acquisition	4	
	American Sign Language I (Note a)	3	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
2040:341	*Death and Dying (Social Science Requirement)*	3	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Spring Semester**		
7700:215	Introduction to Hearing and Speech Science	4	7700:210
7700:321	Articulatory & Phonologic Disorders	4	7700:110 and 7700:210
7700:330	Language Disorders	4	7700:230
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* ***-OR-*** *Humanities in the World Since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent 32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	**Fall Semester**		
7700:335	Principles of Audiology	4	7700:215
7700:365	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism	3	3100:200, 3100:201, 3100:202, 3100:203
7700:366	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism Lab	1	7700:365, corequisite

	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
	Elective	3	See advisor for list of recommended electives
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	**Spring Semester**		
7700:345	Audiologic Treatment	4	7700:335
	Humanities Requirement	3	
7700:300/301	The Resilient Child + Lab (Note a)	4	Recommended TAG course
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
	Elective	3	See advisor for list of recommended electives
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Fall Semester**		
3650:133	*Music, Sound, and Physics (Natural Science Requirement)*	4	ASHA Standard IV-A, physical science
7700:446	Observation and Clinical Techniques (Note b) SLPA Elective	4	
7700:302	Assessment, Play, and Therapeutic Intervention with Children (Note a)	3	Recommended TAG course
	Elective	3	See advisor for list of recommended electives
	Elective	2	See advisor for list of recommended electives
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Spring Semester**		
7700:442	Organic Disorders	4	7700:365
7700:445	Multicultural Considerations in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	3	No prerequisites
	TAG course (Note a)	3	See advisor for list of courses
	Elective	3	See advisor for list of recommended electives
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Total		**16**	

	Minimum Credits for Degree	128	

ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

a. THE BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) requires 14 credits of a foreign language: Spanish, French, German, Italian, or American Sign Language. A student may take courses from the Department of Modern Languages or the following American Sign Language courses: ASL 7700:101, 7700:102, 7700:201, 7700:202, and Survey of Deaf Culture 7700:222. The major also offers an option with no foreign language. THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY (BAT) does NOT require a foreign language. Instead the student completes 14 credits of coursework from schools within the College of Health Professions. Recommended areas include: Child Life, Nutrition/Dietetics, Nursing, Social Work, Applied Science and Technology, Psychology, or Sociology.

b. To qualify for admission to this elective course, students must have senior status, an overall GPA of at least a 3.2, and a grade of at least a "B" in SLPA core coursework and ASHA Standard IV-A. Class/work schedule must allow for observations during business hours Monday-Friday.

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Students are encouraged to contact, Mrs. Nancy Harris, Undergraduate Coordinator, School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, nancy21@uakron.edu.
Current UA students can schedule an advising appointment through the following website:
https://sharepoint.uanet.edu/UGSLPAAdvising/home.aspx
UAnet ID and password required for access to the site

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST:

- Speech-language pathologists specialize in communication and swallowing disabilities of all types and work with people from infants through the elderly.
- Speech-language pathologists diagnose and treat people with problems in speech or language, swallowing, fluency, deafness and hearing loss, voice, and cognitive-communication disabilities due to brain injury or stroke.
- Speech-language pathologists also prescribe assistive technology for speaking, reading, and writing.
- The undergraduate curriculum provides a broad background in normal speech, hearing, and language development, and an introduction to the specific communication disorders and their management.
- With an undergraduate degree, some students enter sales or case management in various health-related businesses.

Students earn an M.A. to become a speech-language pathologist; the program takes two years to complete.

Graduate students take classes and participate in clinical preparation which includes a supervised clinic on campus as well as community-based externships in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, rehabilitation facilities, clinics and private practice.

Job Outlook: Upon obtaining certification from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association and a license from the State of Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, jobs are available in many settings.

Employment settings include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, early intervention programs, schools, clinics and private practices.

Speech-language pathology is listed among the fastest growing occupations by the United States Department of Labor.

The average starting salary for a speech-language pathologist is $48,000 for an 11 to 12 month contract and $42,000 for a nine month, school-based contract.

For more information, go to www.asha.org/public/speech.

AUDIOLOGIST:

- Audiologists are hearing care specialists who evaluate and treat individuals with hearing and balance disorders.
- Audiologists are to hearing as Optometrists are to vision.
- Audiologists diagnose hearing and balance disorders in infants, children and adults, and provide treatment including fitting hearing aids, dispensing assistive listening devices, mapping cochlear implants, and providing audiologic rehabilitation for children and adults.
- Audiologists work in a variety of health care settings such as private practices, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, and physician's offices.

To practice, Audiologists must earn a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree.

The Doctor of Audiology degree is a 4 year post baccalaureate program that is offered through The University of Akron in conjunction with Kent State University and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Graduate students take classes as well as participate in supervised clinical experiences, which take place in the campus clinic and in a wide variety of external sites.

Job Outlook: Audiology is listed among the fastest growing occupations by the United States Department of Labor.

Average starting salaries for audiologists is $51,000.

For more information go to www.asha.org/public/hearing/gen_audiology.htm or www.audiology.org.

TRANSFER TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: A student should apply for transfer to a degree-granting college upon completion of 30 semester credits and an overall GPA of at least a 2.75. Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron." Early transfer to the College of Health Professions can occur after completing 12 credits at the University of Akron and earning a 3.0 GPA or higher at The University of Akron.

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