Speech Language Pathology & Audiology, BAT

Bachelor of Arts in Speech Language Pathology & Audiology (H70101BA)

More on the Speech Language Pathology & Audiology major (https://www.uakron.edu/sslpa/undergradprog.dot)

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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 MA 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 (http://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 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 (http://www.asha.org/public/hearing/gen_audiology.htm) or www.audiology.org (http://www.audiology.org).

The following information has official approval of The School of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology and The College of Health Professions, 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. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (DPR) which is definitive for graduation requirements. 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.

1st Year

Fall Semester

| Hours | 
| 3100:200 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I ² | 3 |
| 3100:201 | Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory I ² | 1 |
| 3300:111 | English Composition I | 3 |
| 3750:100 | Introduction to Psychology ² | 3 |
| 7600:105 or 7600:106 | Introduction to Public Speaking or Effective Oral Communication | 3 |
| 7700:110 | Introduction to Disorders of Communications ² | 3 |
| 16 | Hours |

Spring Semester

| 2020:222 | Technical Report Writing | 3 |
### 2nd Year

#### Fall Semester
- **2040:344** Death & Dying  
  3
- **7700:101** American Sign Language I  
  3
- **7700:210** Introduction to Clinical Phonetics  
  4
- **7700:230** Language Science & Acquisition  
  4

**Hours**: 14

#### Spring Semester
- **7700:102** American Sign Language II  
  3
- **7700:215** Introduction to Hearing and Speech Science  
  4
- **7700:321** Articulatory & Phonologic Disorders  
  4
- **7700:330** Language Disorders  
  4

**Hours**: 14

### 3rd Year

#### Fall Semester
- **7700:201** American Sign Language III  
  3
- **7700:335** Principles of Audiology  
  4
- **7700:365** Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing  
  3
- **7700:366** Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory  
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**Hours**: 14

#### Spring Semester
- **7700:202** American Sign Language IV  
  3
- **7700:345** Audiologic Treatment  
  4

**Hours**: 14

### 4th Year

#### Fall Semester
- **3650:133** Music, Sound & Physics  
  4
- **7700:222** Survey of Deaf Culture in America  
  2
- **7700:245** First Responders to the Deaf Community  
  4
- **7700:446** Observation and Clinical Techniques  
  4

**Hours**: 17

#### Spring Semester
- **7700:422** Organic Disorders of Communication  
  4
- **7700:445** Multicultural Considerations for Audiologists & Speech-Language Pathologists  
  3

**Global Diversity Requirement**: 3

### Electives

**Hours**: 15

**Total Hours**: 121-122

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1. **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 American Sign Language I, 7700:102 American Sign Language II, 7700:201 American Sign Language III, 7700:202 American Sign Language IV, 7700:222 Survey of Deaf Culture in America. 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: ChildLife, Nutrition/Dietetics, Nursing, Social Work, Applied Science and Technology, Psychology, or Sociology.

2. Pre-admission courses and 30 credits with a 2.75 GPA is required to be admitted into the program.

**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.

1. See text for detailed course requirements and recommendations.