Options for Students with a Bachelors Degree in Another Discipline who wish to pursue a master’s degree in Communication Disorders (Speech-Language Pathology)

**It is up to you which option you choose**

1. **Apply to ASU as an undergraduate student at [www.asu.edu](http://www.asu.edu)**
   - Choose “Speech & Hearing Science” as your major (again, the deficiency coursework does NOT constitute an undergraduate degree in SHS)
   - Then register for the deficiency courses at the undergraduate level course number (SHS 250, 310, etc.) beginning in a fall or summer semester (admission deadlines are posted on the admissions website at [www.asu.edu/admissions](http://www.asu.edu/admissions)).
   - This option will allow you to receive financial aid from the federal government (grants, loans, & work-study) and tuition for undergraduates is slightly cheaper.
   - At the beginning of your first fall semester, register for and take your GRE (Graduate Records Examination); to register for the GRE, go to their website at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).
   - Apply to the Speech & Hearing graduate program by December 15th of that same year; you will need to apply to the graduate college at [www.asu.edu/graduate](http://www.asu.edu/graduate); have your GRE scores and official undergraduate transcripts forwarded to the Division of Graduate Studies; include an admissions packet that includes: 3 letters of recommendation, and a “Statement of Intent”
   - For more information on the Master’s program application, visit [http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pg-mas.html](http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pg-mas.html).
   - You will be notified of your acceptance/denial in early to mid March; offers of financial assistance are made by April 1st.

2. **Apply to the Division of Graduate Studies at ASU as a non-degree seeking graduate student at [www.asu.edu/graduate](http://www.asu.edu/graduate)**
   - Then register for your deficiency courses at the graduate level course number (500 level).
   - The option allows you to apply at any time; the graduate college has rolling admissions.
   - This option will also require you to complete additional coursework within each deficiency class (e.g. an extra presentation, paper, etc.) – some students feel this looks better for admission to the masters program, however the department does not prefer one option over another.
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3. **Apply to the Master’s program first before beginning any deficiency coursework**
   - This option allows you to know you are accepted/denied to our Master’s program first before you begin taking any classes.
   - This option is for people with excellent academic performance in their undergraduate program.
   - Prior to applying to the program, register for and take your GRE (Graduate Records Examination); to register for the GRE, go to their website at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).
   - Apply to the Speech & Hearing graduate program by December 15th; you will need to apply to the graduate college at [www.asu.edu/graduate](http://www.asu.edu/graduate); have your GRE scores and official undergraduate transcripts forwarded to the Division of Graduate Studies; include an admissions packet that includes: 3 letters of recommendation, and a “Statement of Intent”
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**Deficiency Coursework:**

**Fall Speech & Hearing Offerings**
- SHS 598 (250) Phonetics (3 credits)
- SHS 598 (310) Anatomical/Physiological Bases of Speech (3 credits)
- SHS 598 (311) Physical/Physiological Bases of Hearing (3 credits)
- SHS 598 (367) Language Science (3 credits)

**Spring Speech & Hearing Offerings**
- SHS 598 (375) Speech Science (3 credits; *SHS 598/310 and SHS 598/311 are prerequisites*)
- SHS 598 (376) Psychoacoustics (3 credits; *SHS 598/311 is a prerequisite*)
- SHS 565 (465) Speech and Language Acquisition (3 credits; *SHS 598/367 is a prerequisite*)

**Summer Speech & Hearing Offerings**
- SHS 501 (401) Introduction to Audiology (3 credits; *SHS 598/311 and SHS 598/376 are prerequisites*)
- SHS 596 (496) Aural Rehabilitation (3 credits; *SHS 598/375, SHS 598/376, and SHS 401/501 are prerequisites*)

While these classes are not pre-requisites to get into the master’s program, they must be completed before graduating with a master’s degree in communication disorders in order to fulfill ASHA requirements.

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