Frequently Asked Questions about the Bilingual Training Program

1. **What is BTP?**

   Students completing the Bilingual Training Program (BTP) are master’s students in Arizona State University’s speech & hearing sciences department. The BTP is one of three options or tracks that graduate students may choose within the MS degree program. It is designed for those interested in working with bilingual children, and provides students with the opportunity to get a Certificate of Bilingual Competency in Speech-Language Pathology.

2. **How long is the BTP?**

   The program is designed to be completed in two years.

3. **Can I still do the BTP if I am not a native speaker?**

   Spanish proficiency will be determined initially through an interview process in Spanish with one of the faculty who are bilingual. For the certificate, however, you must pass a Spanish proficiency exam and complete the specialized courses in the BTP.

4. **What do I do to indicate that I wish to participate in PEP?**

   There are three things to do now:
   - Complete the application to the ASU graduate college department of speech & hearing sciences
   - In your letter of intent (or personal statement), please indicate your interest in participating in the Bilingual Training Program.
   - Complete the BTP application form

5. **When do I apply?**

   Applications must be received by December 15th and are considered with all other applicants to Arizona State University’s masters program in speech/language pathology. It is important that you indicate in your letter of intent that you are interested in applying to the Bilingual Training Program.

6. **How will I get my clinical training?**

   If you are in the BTP, we will set up practicum and internships with bilingual populations with a focus on children. You will have at least one school internship and one clinic practicum with bilingual clients. In addition, during your bilingual school internship, you will have a bilingual SLP mentor that will help you
problem solve, develop materials, practice your professional Spanish, and guide you as needed.

7. How does the BTP differ from the other tracks or options available?

The differentiating factors among training tracks are the types of internship experiences and the elective course work. The classes required of those in the bilingual track are Spanish Speech and Language Acquisition (3 credits) and Bilingual Speech and Language Assessment and Intervention (3 credits).

8. Are there study abroad opportunities available through the BTP?

Yes, students in the BTP will have the opportunity to travel to Mexico for a student exchange the last summer of their program.

9. Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about the bilingual training program or the exchange program, please contact Professor M. Adelaida Restrepo at laida.restrepo@asu.edu. We hope that you seriously consider our program!