Dear post bach student,

Thank you for your interest in speech pathology at ASU. In order to become a speech language pathologist, you need a master's degree. This is required for licensure and certification. The master's program is 2 years. Since you have already earned a bachelor’s degree, you would need to first complete a year of deficiency coursework in speech and hearing science. This coursework is fundamental in understanding the concepts of disorders and therapy in graduate school. Therefore it would take you at least 3 years to earn a master's of science in communication disorders.

Please note that successful completion of the deficiency coursework does NOT constitute an undergraduate degree in Speech & Hearing Science nor does it guarantee admission to the M.S. degree program.

The enclosed handout details the three different options you have as far as registering to take the deficiency courses. The back side of the handout lists all the deficiency courses and which semesters they are offered. In addition to these deficiency courses, you will also need to make sure you have had a biological science, a physical science, and a math course at the college algebra level or higher. These additional courses are required by the American Speech Language & Hearing Association for certification. If you have not already had these courses within your bachelor’s degree, you will need to take them before you finish your Masters degree in Speech Pathology. The following pre-requisite courses are highly recommended:

BIO 201 (Human Anatomy and Physiology with a lab)
PHY 101 (Introduction to Physics with a lab)
MAT 170 (pre-calculus)
PGS 101 (Introduction to Psychology)
PSY 230 (Introduction to Statistics)

Completion of the courses listed above will help to ensure your success in the required deficiency courses. While these courses are not mandatory, they will help to build the strong background in science and math that is integral to your success if you are admitted into the Master’s program.

For further information about the Master’s program, please go to our department website at http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs. You can look at the section entitled FORMS on the left side of the screen and this will lead you to common graduate questions and the prerequisite courses required for deficiency students. If you need further information, please feel free to contact us again at (480) 965-4520 or by email at shsadvise@asu.edu.

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Options for Students with a Bachelors Degree in Another Discipline

**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, a “Statement of Intent”, and a resume.
   - For more information on the Masters program application, visit [http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master’s](http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master’s).
   - 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.
   - 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, a “Statement of Intent”, and a resume.
• For more information on the Masters program application, visit [http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master's](http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master's)
• You will be notified of your acceptance/denial in early to mid March; offers of financial assistance are made by April 1\(^{st}\).

3. **Apply to the Masters program first before beginning any deficiency coursework**
• This option allows you to know you are accepted/denied to our Masters program first before you begin taking any classes.
• This option is for people with excellent academic performance in their undergraduate program.
• 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 15\(^{th}\) 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, a "Statement of Intent", and a resume
• For more information on the Masters program application, visit [http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master's](http://www.asu.edu/clas/shs/pages/programs.htm#master's)
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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)
- SHS 598 (450) Observation (1 credit)

**Spring Speech & Hearing Offerings**
- SHS 598 (375) Speech Science (3 credits; **SHS 598/311 is a prerequisite**)
- 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**)
- SHS 598 (450) Observation (1 credit)
o SHS 596 (496) Aural Rehabilitation (3 credits; SHS 598/311 and SHS 401/501 is a prerequisite)

Courses Also Offered in the Summer:

o SHS 598 (250) Phonetics (3 credits)

o SHS 501 (401) Introduction to Audiology (3 credits; SHS 598/311 and SHS 598/376 are prerequisites)

o SHS 596 (496) Aural Rehabilitation (3 credits; SHS 598/311, SHS 598/376 and SHS 401/501 prerequisites)