Dear post bacch 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 BA, 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 3 years to earn a master’s of science in communication disorders. 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 bachelors degree, you will need to take them before you finish your Masters degree in Speech Pathology.

For further information about the Masters program, please go to our department website at [www.asu.edu/clas/shs](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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