UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
34 SEMESTER HOURS OF MAJOR COURSEWORK IN:
- NORMAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
- PHONETICS
- SPEECH SCIENCE
- ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE SPEECH AND HEARING MECHANISM
- NEUROSCIENCE
- ARTICULATION DISORDERS, CHILD LANGUAGE DISORDERS
- DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, AND INTRODUCTION TO AUDIOLOGY
- SLP IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OTHER COURSE ELECTIVES
- SIGN LANGUAGE
- RESEARCH METHODS
- AUDIOLOGY: HEARING LOSS & EVALUATION OF HEARING
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY:
- VOICE/FLUENCY & COUNSELING

UNDERGRADUATES OBTAIN 25 HOURS OF SUPERVISED CLINICAL OBSERVATION OF DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SESSIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A VARIETY OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING DISORDERS. SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES IN RELATED AREAS INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGY, AND FAMILY AND CHILD STUDIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY.

THE 120 SEMESTER HOUR PROGRAM LEADS TO THE BACHELOR OF ARTS. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO OBTAIN THEIR PRE-REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE FOR ENTRY INTO:
- A MASTER'S PROGRAM IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OR
- A DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN AUDIOLOGY.
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Department of Speech which is in the College of Liberal Arts at Louisiana Tech University, offers pre-professional (undergraduate) training in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. The undergraduate preparation includes a broad educational experience in the liberal arts and sciences and a strong foundation in oral and written communication skills, in addition to basic coursework in speech, language, and hearing. The undergraduate/pre-professional degree is the first degree that leads to the master’s degree for speech-language pathologists and a doctoral degree for audiologists. The master’s is considered to be the entry level degree for most professional settings for speech-language pathology.

Individuals are treated in a nondiscriminatory manner—that is, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, citizenship, or status as a covered veteran. The institution and program comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders pertaining thereto.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology are concerned with evaluation, treatment, and research into human communication and its disorders.

Speech-Language Pathologists treat disorders such as:
- stuttering
- delayed language development
- aphasia
- voice
- swallowing
- articulation
- augmentative/alternative communication (AAC)

Audiologists specialize in prevention, identification, assessment, and rehabilitation of hearing disorders. They prescribe and sometimes dispense hearing aids, and instruct hearing impaired individuals in use of the aids. Audiologists may be involved in programs for hearing conservation.

Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists also teach in colleges or universities; conduct academic, laboratory, or medically related research; and administer or manage agencies, clinics, organizations, or private practices.

Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists are employed in diverse settings including:
- public schools
- hospitals/clinics
- private practices
- nursing homes and other service facilities
- Salaries are considered competitive in today’s job market and vary depending on educational background, experience, the professional setting, responsibilities, and location.

FACILITIES

The principal site for academic and clinical activities of the pre-professional program is Robinson Hall located on Louisiana Tech University’s campus.

The building houses multiple classrooms, office space, treatment-observation rooms, two computer labs, complete audiological testing equipment, and the Louisiana Tech University Speech and Hearing Center. The newly renovated Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality speech, language, and hearing services with state-of-the-art technology and instrumentation.

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