Speech and Hearing Science, BS

Positions in speech-language pathology and audiology are in high demand, rated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network as careers with bright outlooks. The majority of our graduates gain acceptance into Doctor of Audiology and Master of Science in Communication Disorders programs.

Program Description

Students in the BS program in speech and hearing science study the normal aspects of the communication process. Emphasis is placed on the human communication system, including: anatomy and physiology of the hearing and speech mechanisms; speech, language and hearing science; and normal development of speech and language production and perception.

Graduates attain broad-based knowledge in the basic aspects of speech, language and hearing sciences, which prepares them for graduate study in audiology or speech-language pathology, or potential employment opportunities in related health and behavioral fields.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Health Solutions
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 170 - Precalculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century
Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Health Solutions recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in speech and hearing science: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.speech-hearing-science](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.speech-hearing-science).

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## Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities for program graduates may include positions as:

- hearing aid or cochlear implant company representatives
- research assistants or associates in behavioral disciplines
- speech-language pathology assistants
- support personnel in rehabilitation or health facilities

Many graduates of speech and hearing sciences gain entrance into a graduate-level program in speech-language pathology or audiology. In both fields, a graduate degree is required for employment.

The undergraduate degree in speech and hearing science is also excellent preparation for those who wish to enter professional or graduate programs in fields such as:

- counseling
- education
- law
- medicine
- rehabilitation
- social work
- special education
- teaching for the deaf

Graduates of speech-language pathology and audiology can work with children or adults with communication disorders in a variety of settings, including:

- clinics
- hospitals
- private practice
- schools, all levels of preschool through secondary
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Audiologist</td>
<td>20.7%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</td>
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<td>Elementary Special Education Teacher</td>
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<td>Human Behavior Researcher</td>
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<td>Preschool Special Education Teacher</td>
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<td>Speech Language Pathology Assistant</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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