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 anatomy and physiology of the hearing mechanism; on speech, language and hearing science; and on the human communication system, including normal development of speech and language.

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)

2018 - 2019 Major Map (On-campus)
2018 - 2019 Major Map (Online)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors 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 Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona
Select a college
• Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Transfer from an Arizona Community College
Select a college
• Arizona Western College
• Central Arizona College

Transfer from another state
Select a state
• California
• Illinois
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 career. 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/

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.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree 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 in 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 in 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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
<th>*Median Salary</th>
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<td>Adapted Physical Education Teacher</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Audiologist</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>Healthcare Professor</td>
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<td>Hearing Aid Specialist</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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