

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY



Includes clinical
in health care
facilities and
area schools



**FULL-TIME
DAY PROGRAM**



FINISH
in two years



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Viterbo's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) program prepares students with the academic and practical experience needed to work as a certified speech-language pathologist. Our 58-credit hour program takes two years to complete with a mix of face-to-face coursework and clinical experiences in area health care facilities and schools. The MSSLP program covers a range of topics related to communication disorders and their treatment, including speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders. The program provides a solid understanding of deaf culture and the needs of diverse communities. Students also, under the supervision of a ASHA certified speech language pathologist, obtain clinical experience assessing and treating communication disorders while also developing a professional network within the field.



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Program Structure

| Semester 1 (Summer) | | Semester 2 (Fall) | | Semester 3 (Spring) | |
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| Experimental Phonetics | 3 cr. | Directed Research: Capstone Project | 3 cr. | SLP School-based Clinical Practicum 2 or SLP Medical-based Clinical Practicum 2 | 2 cr. |
| Diagnostics and Intervention Principles: Simulation Lab | 3 cr. | School Age Language, Literacy, and Learning | 3 cr. | SLP Clinical Education Seminar 2 | 1 cr. |
| Developmental Disorders of Language, Cognition, and Social Aspects of Communication | 3 cr. | Acquired Disorders of Language, Cognition, and Social Aspects of Communication | 3 cr. | Directed Research: Capstone Project | 1 cr. |
| Motor Speech and Neuromotor Disorders | 3 cr. | Dysphagia Adult and Pediatric | 3 cr. | | |
| Research Methods in Speech and Hearing | 3 cr. | SLP School-based Clinical Practicum 1 or SLP Medical-based Clinical Practicum 1 | 2 cr. | | |
| | | SLP Clinical Education Seminar 1 | 1 cr. | | |
| | 15 cr. | | 15 cr. | | 4 cr. |
| Semester 4 (Summer) | | Semester 5 (Fall) | | | |
| Fluency and Related Disorders* | 3 cr. | Interprofessional Communication, Health Care Partnerships, and Professional Issues | 3 cr. | | |
| Voice and Resonance Disorders | 3 cr. | SLP School-based Clinical Externship or SLP Medical-based Clinical Externship | 4 cr. | | |
| Augmentative and Alternative Communication | 3 cr. | Directed Research | 2 cr. | | |
| Educational Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation for the SLP | 3 cr. | | | | |
| SLP School-based Clinical Practicum 3 or SLP Medical-based Clinical Practicum 3 | 2 cr. | | | | |
| SLP Clinical Education Seminar 3 | 1 cr. | | | | |
| | 15 cr. | | 9 cr. | | |

Financial Aid

This program is eligible for federal financial aid. Graduate students may elect to borrow federal student loans to assist in paying for the program. A minimum of three credits must be completed each semester to receive financial aid. Students wishing to explore financial aid are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA code 003911) and Viterbo University's Additional Information form. For questions regarding financial aid, call 608-796-3900.

Apply for Admission

All applicants must apply through the Centralized Application Service for Communication Science and Disorders (CSDCAS). To apply for this program, applicants must have completed a BS/BA in communications disorders or completed a post-baccalaureate certificate designed for entry into a speech-language pathology program, and have met the following requirements:

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Essay (2 page/estimate). Find essay question in supplemental items list in application portal
- Submission of official transcript from all degree-granting institutions and institutions where pre-enrollment courses were complete.

All materials required to support the student application process for the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree program should be uploaded to the application portal or sent directly to CSDCAS. Additional guidance will be found in CSDCAS.