

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY



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Degree Awarded:

Master of Science (M.S.) in
Speech-Language Pathology

Admit Term:

Fall

Number of Credits:

62

Length of Program:

2 years (6 semesters)

Plan of Study:

Full-time

Application Deadline:

June 30

Where to Apply:

CSDCAS (csdcas.liaisoncas.com)

Comprehensive curriculum that combines research and evidence-based clinical practice, infused with a strong multicultural component.

The program will provide: Content and clinical experience to prepare students to qualify for and be successful in achieving national certification and state licensure, and participation in state and national professional organizations.

The **Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology** Program at Gannon University is a program designed for students to participate in a collaborative, experiential, and integrative course of study developing skills that prepare them for the highest standards of the scope of practice in speech-language pathology. The Ruskin SLP curriculum is comprehensive and requires completion of six (6) semesters of didactic and clinical coursework. Graduate students will be provided with opportunities to work alongside faculty on clinical and community research projects and service.

Program Mission

The mission of the Master of Science degree program in Speech-Language Pathology at Gannon University is to foster the development of highly skilled, compassionate speech language professionals who are dedicated to lifelong learning, leadership, and person centered service. The program provides holistic, evidence-based speech, language, and hearing education and healthcare for a diverse society.

Accreditation

The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program at Gannon University is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301 296-5700. Candidacy is a "preaccreditation" status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of 5 years.

The Gannon University Difference

Gannon University is a Catholic, Diocesan University with 90 years of rich tradition in academic excellence. This success has presented the opportunity to expand our graduate degree offerings in rehabilitative sciences through a community-based SLP program at our Ruskin, Florida campus. With a legacy of faculty who model the mission of teaching, service, and scholarship, students learn in a university community that embraces diversity, advocacy, and global awareness.

Application Process

Gannon University and the Speech Language Pathology Department receives and reviews applications for the Master of Speech Language Pathology program and all applicant credentials exclusively through the Centralized Application Service for Communication Science & Disorders Programs (CSDCAS), provided by the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Science and Disorders (CAPCSD) and Liaison. Full application instructions can be found on the Gannon University – Ruskin, FL profile page:

<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>



Admission Requirements

The program is designed as a full-time course of study. Transfers to the program will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A maximum of 6 credits may be accepted for transfer, if a grade of B or higher was achieved, and approved by the program director.

Prior to matriculation in the program, students must complete and fulfill the following requirements:

- Baccalaureate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders or completion of equivalent coursework from an accredited college or university*
- Cumulative prerequisite course quality point average (QPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale; Grades below a "C" are not acceptable.
- Overall undergraduate QPA of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale)
- Prerequisite courses, as shown below, must be completed within ten years preceding entrance into the graduate program.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed by June 1 in the year of enrollment.
- A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 80 for all applicants from non-English speaking countries

Prerequisite Courses

- **Biological Sciences** **3 credits**
(e.g.. Human Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Biology)
- **Social/Behavioral Sciences** **6 credits**
(e.g. courses in Psychology, Sociology, Public Health)
- **Physical Sciences** **3 credits**
(e.g. college-level Chemistry or Physics)
- **Statistics** **3 credits**
(e.g. college-level Statistics course that is computational and not remedial or historical in nature)

*Equivalent coursework includes a minimum of one course in each of the following six subjects with Program Director review and approval:

- Typical Speech and Language Development in Children
- Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing
- Mechanisms
- Phonetics
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Introduction to Audiology
- Introduction to Communication Disorders

Additional Admission Requirements

- Personal interview. Spoken English skills, as well as ethical, personal and professional qualities to fulfill the role of a speech-language pathologist will be assessed during the interview process.
- A writing sample is a requirement of the personal interview process and will assess the candidate's graduate level competence for written English.
- Three letters of recommendation, which address the applicant's ethical, personal and professional qualities.
- Thirty (30) hours of observation of clinical practice by an ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist; observation hours should vary across settings, ages, and disorders. These hours are only shadowing hours prior to admission; they are not part of the 400 hours required by ASHA, which should be completed as part of our academic program.
- Personal Statement/Essay as required in CSDCAS. Practice as a healthcare professional requires the ability to communicate in both verbal and written form. The Speech-Language Pathology Program expects admitted students to demonstrate graduate level competence in verbal and written communication.

Ruskin Campus Admissions

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Curriculum

The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree is awarded upon the completion of 62 credits:

First Year – Fall (12 credits)	Credits
Clinical Methods Lab I	1
Speech Sound Disorders & Lab	3
Language Disorders in Children	2
School-Age Language Disorders & Lab	3
Communication in Special Education	2
Clinic I	1
First Year - Spring (14 credits)	
Principles of Research & Evidence-Based Practice	2
Neuroscience for Speech-Language Pathology	3
Fluency Disorders	2
Motor Speech Disorders & Lab	3
Voice & Velopharyngeal Disorders	3
Clinic II	1
First Year – Summer (8 credits)	
Clinic III	2
Adult Cognitive-Communicative Disorders & Lab	3
Clinical Methods Lab II	1
Disorders in Special Populations	2
Second Year – Fall (12 credits)	
Aural Rehabilitation	2
Swallowing Disorders & Lab	3
Hearing Disorders	3
Clinic IV	4
Second Year – Spring (10 credits)	
Augmentative & Alternative Communication	3
Professional Issues	3
Clinic V	4
Second Year – Summer (6 credits)	
Clinic VI	4
Capstone	2
Total Credits	62

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