



# Bachelor of Arts Speech and Hearing Sciences

## Become a Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist

Speech and Hearing Sciences prepares students  
for one of the fastest growing job markets—

**CareerCast.com ranks speech-language pathology  
and audiology among the top 12 best jobs.**

—*Wall Street Journal*, April 2013

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## Speech and Hearing Sciences: Preparation for Careers in Health Care and Education

Speech and Hearing Sciences emphasizes the physiological, neurological, behavioral, and psychological dimensions of normal and disordered communication across the human lifespan. The curriculum includes multicultural and global perspectives necessary to prepare students for success in a changing world. The program in Speech and Hearing Sciences is based in Spokane, Washington, on a beautiful university campus

at the intersection of downtown and the medical district.

**Designated WSU's health sciences campus, you'll feel at home in the health care focused environment among students and faculty active in inter-professional learning, clinical service, and research that prepares students for careers that emphasize multidisciplinary teams.**

The B.A. in Speech and Hearing Sciences is considered a pre-professional degree, allowing graduates to work within a number of healthcare, social / human resource services, and educational settings, while also providing the foundation for further study at the graduate level.

Employment of speech-language pathologists is expected to grow by 23% from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations.

*(Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition)*



Students choosing to go on to graduate school to become speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists may pursue careers in private practice, hospitals, assistive living and skilled nursing facilities,

rehabilitation settings, early intervention settings, and public schools. The Master of Arts degree is required to function independently as a speech-language pathologist. The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) degree (or comparable degree) is required to function independently as an audiologist. Employers seeking out SLPs and audiologists frequently provide added incentives such as sign-on bonuses, relocation expenses, and continuing education funds, all in an attempt to be competitive in a market with a shortage of qualified applicants.

## Innovative Programs and Opportunities for Students

- Nationally recognized faculty with a broad range of expertise
- One-year post-baccalaureate program available for the returning, non-traditional student
- On-site clinic utilizing current evidence-based treatment approaches and cutting-edge technology
- Multi-modal teaching approaches, including face-to-face teaching, hands-on learning, and online courses
- Opportunities for students to apply coursework to studies abroad and through international/community outreach programs
- Undergraduate students are given research opportunities, working in labs of faculty on current research projects
- The local chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association gives students opportunities to meet others with similar interests
- The speech-language pathology programs are accredited nationally by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and at the state level by the Board of Education



This degree program is appropriate if you are interested in pursuing a clinical career in speech-language pathology or audiology or graduate study in speech, language or hearing science research. It is also appropriate for students with interests in teaching, neuroscience, physiology, basic science, health care, linguistics, education, or psychology.

## Required Courses and Program of Study

Our goal is to maintain the highest academic standards while helping you advance toward your bachelor's degree. Students entering the major of Speech and Hearing Sciences complete all university common requirements (UCOREs) in the first two years at WSU Pullman. Upon completion of all university common requirements (or obtaining an AA degree at a community college), students transition (typically in the junior year) to the Spokane campus at the beginning of fall semester. An advisor works with each individual student to ensure the appropriate UCOREs are completed and that each student is prepared for entrance to the program.



**For the most current information about requirements, courses, and faculty go to [speechandhearing.wsu.edu](http://speechandhearing.wsu.edu).**



## Washington State University: Supporting Academic Success

The faculty of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences embraces individualized attention to students and cooperative learning. **The Spokane campus is home to upper-division graduate, professional, and undergraduate programs for the health sciences.** Student services are available to support academic success and personal well-being. The WSU Health Sciences campus at Spokane offers student services including health care, physical fitness, learning support, and transportation options for easy access to the campus. Information about these services is available on the WSU Spokane website.

To learn more about the WSU Spokane campus visit:  
[spokane.wsu.edu/aboutWSUSpokane](http://spokane.wsu.edu/aboutWSUSpokane)

Visit the Speech and Hearing Sciences website for more information about the program. Contact the Speech and Hearing Sciences Department directly for individualized information from a program advisor:

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