

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology: Leveling Coursework

Students who already have a Bachelor's degree in a different field can complete selected coursework to prepare them to apply to graduate school in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. Completion of the leveling coursework does not result in a second Bachelor's degree.

It is important to note that completing the leveling coursework does not guarantee admission into any graduate school. Any individual graduate program may have additional requirements.

Students have the option of completing the leveling coursework in 1 or 2 years. A fall semester start is required. To be eligible:

1. Must have completed a BA or BS degree in another field and have a **minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate degree.**
2. Must have been admitted to the University.

Plan of Study (Recommended)

Fall Semester

SPPA 231	Phonetics	3 hours (required as a prerequisite for a spring leveling course)
SPPA 210	Fundamentals of Language Analysis	3 hours (required as a prerequisite for a spring leveling course)
SPPA 220	Anat & Phys Speech Mechanism	3 hours (required as a prerequisite for a spring leveling course)
SPPA 361	Basic Audiometry	3 hours (required as a prerequisite for a spring leveling course)

Additional Fall course options:

SPPA 446	Clinical Observation and Procedures	3 hours
SPPA 441	Speech Sound Disorders in Children	3 hours
SPPA 442	Voice/Motor Speech/Fluency	3 hours

Spring Semester

SPPA 312	Normal Lang & Speech Acquisition	3 hours
SPPA 321	Hearing Science	3 hours
SPPA 322	Speech Science	3 hours
SPPA 397	Neuroanatomy	3 hours
SPPA 471	Aural Rehab	3 hours

**** The leveling program has a retention requirement of a 3.0 GPA. If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA, they will be unable to continue in the leveling program. ****

In addition to these courses, student should complete coursework in biological science, physical science, statistics and social/behavioral science. Acceptance of coursework that is 10 years or older is at the discretion of the faculty. Students have the option of completing the above coursework in 1 or 2 years.

Completion of the above sequence of courses provides students with the prerequisites necessary to apply to many graduate programs in speech-language pathology or audiology but does not result in a second Bachelor's degree. Students should check requirements of specific programs to which they wish to apply and customize the above recommended sequence.

Students who already have a Bachelor's degree and seek a 2nd (undergraduate) degree in Speech-Language pathology and Audiology will be required to meet additional SIUE requirements. These students will follow the traditional Plan of Study as outlined in the SIUE Undergraduate Catalog.

Coursework is only offered in an in-class format—there is no online option to complete the sequence. Courses in the fall and spring are approximately 16 weeks in length.

Students seeking more information about the leveling coursework should contact the speech-language pathology and audiology undergraduate advisor in the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior Student Services office (618) 650-3490.