Facts At a Glance

- The Florida Board of Governors approved the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) degree for implementation in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD) at Florida International University in 2000.
- The FIU Master of Science program in Speech Language Pathology is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- Employment of graduates from the FIU Master of Science SLP program is 100%.
- The CSD Department admits 35-40 MS-SLP students annually.
- The CSD Department currently has 73 enrolled master’s students. The demographics of these students are:
  - Hispanic 69%
  - White 23%
  - Asian 6%
  - Black 3%
- There are currently 128 students in the SLP certificate prerequisite program.

Our Mission

The mission of the FIU Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD) Department is to educate speech-language pathologists who are prepared to address the communication disorders needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities, particularly in South Florida.

Specific missions of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders are:

- To prepare highly qualified professionals in speech-language pathology who exceed the guidelines of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) for clinical and academic preparation;
- To prepare speech-language pathology professionals of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to assess, diagnose and treat clients of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds; and
- To act as a resource for the University and community by serving as consultants, facilitators and authorities in the various areas of communication disorders.

Our Vision

The overall vision of the CSD department is to be globally recognized for the achievements of its faculty and alumni in education, research, rehabilitation of communicative disorders and leadership, with a focus on the needs of multi-lingual as well as underserved populations.
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is one of seven departments in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The focus of the CSD department is one of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD). The goal of the department is to educate CLD professionals to meet the needs of multicultural populations with communication disorders.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A bachelor's degree.
- Students must have completed an undergraduate program of study in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology, or have taken the required undergraduate prerequisite coursework in speech-language and hearing sciences.
- A 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.
- Completion of 25 clinical hours of observation of assessment/treatment for speech-language clients with clear and appropriate documentation.
- Students must have completed at least three (3) prerequisite courses for their application to be eligible for review for admission into the MS-SLP graduate program at FIU.
- For applicants whose primary language is not English the TOEFL is required. The passing requirements for the TOEFL are 550 on the paper test or 80 on the internet based examination. If taking IELTS, scores of 6.5 are required. In addition, international students must have their transcripts translated to English prior to applying to the master’s program.
- In addition, students must complete the following general education courses as part of their Bachelor’s degree or prior to beginning graduate study in the Masters’ program at FIU:
  - College level Mathematics course (3 cr.)
  - Biological Science course (3 cr.)
  - Physical Science course (3 cr.)
  - Social Sciences courses (6 cr.)
  - Statistics course (3 cr.)

CERTIFICATE of SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The prerequisites are offered as part of a Certificate of Speech-Language Pathology offered by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

- Only individuals who have applied and have been admitted into the Certificate program will be allowed to take these prerequisite courses.
- Students currently completing an undergraduate degree at FIU must also apply and be admitted to the certificate program before taking the prerequisite courses.
  - SPA 4112 or LIN 4214 Phonetics
  - SPA 4002 Survey of Communication Disorders
  - SPA 4101 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing
  - SPA 4101L Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Lab
  - SPA 4004 Introduction to Speech and Language Development and Disorders
  - SPA 4011 Speech & Hearing Science
  - SPA 4050 Clinical Management in Communication Disorders
  - SPA 4030 Introduction to Audiology
  - LIN 3013 General Linguistics

To be eligible for consideration for admission to the certificate program, all applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- A minimum 3.0 GPA in undergraduate study
- Completed SLP certificate application
- Transcript of undergraduate coursework

Applications for the certificate will be ranked by cumulative GPA and admissions will be granted to the top ranked applicants according to the number of available openings each semester.

Please note that successful completion of the certificate does not guarantee acceptance into the master’s program.

To apply for the Certificate of Speech-Language Pathology, please go to:

http://cnhs.fiu.edu/csd/_assets/documents/SLP%20Certificate%20Application%20Form.pdf

Fill out and print the forms and submit to Samantha Postigo in Student Services, Room AHC3-123. Be sure to include:

- A copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Required residency documentation (not necessary for current FIU students)
- If you received your degree from a non-English speaking country, you must also submit a passing TOEFL score

You may also fax application documents to 305-348-7764 or email scanned documents to spostigo@fiu.edu.

Permission codes for pre-requisite classes are distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please check class notes under each class offering provided at the FIU schedule of classes for dates when permission codes will be available.