

Buffalo State College - SUNY

DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

POLICY REGARDING ADMISSION AND COURSE SEQUENCING FOR STUDENTS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN A FIELD OTHER THAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Students with an undergraduate degree in a field other than Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) may be accepted into the SLP program either as pre-major (7322) graduate students, or as undergraduate second degree students. Students in both of these categories must meet with their academic advisors to discuss and establish their program of study.

Students admitted as Pre-Major (7322) graduate students: These students apply directly to the graduate school and, through a highly selective process, are accepted into the SLP Pre-Major (7322) program. *Pre-Major students must complete all of the required SLP undergraduate coursework prior to taking graduate courses.* These courses are to be completed within the student's first academic year. The specific courses and their sequencing will be planned with the student's graduate advisor. Due to the abbreviated one-year completion of the undergraduate requirements, some of the SLP courses may be taken out of sequence, requiring the student to do additional readings outside of class to keep up with course work. In addition to the specified SLP courses, the student may be required to take some or all of the following: EXE100, EDF202, EDF302, statistics, ASHA-required basic science courses (physical, biological, social/behavioral). The scheduling of these additional courses, which may include summer school, will vary by student and will be determined in consultation with the student's graduate advisor.

Students admitted as undergraduate second degree students: These students will be required to complete the designated undergraduate course work (SLP and other required courses) within a two-year period, using the "Junior Entry" sequencing of courses. They will be eligible to apply to the graduate program during the second year of undergraduate study (i.e., at the same time as the first degree SLP undergraduates). ***Enrollment as a second degree undergraduate student in no way guarantees admission to the graduate program; students must apply and be evaluated in the same manner as first-degree undergraduate students.*** If accepted into the graduate program, *all required undergraduate coursework, as determined in conjunction with the student's academic advisor, must be completed prior to enrollment in the graduate program.*