



WHO IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are professionals educated in the study of human communication and swallowing, with knowledge regarding typical development and disorders. By assessing the speech, language, cognitive communication and swallowing skills of children and adults, the speech-language pathologist determines what communication or swallowing challenges exist and the best way to treat them. SLPs are involved in the use of a wide variety of diagnostic procedures, as well as collaboration with other health, education and related providers. Areas of focus include disorders of:

- Developmental language,
- Neurogenic speech and language,
- Fluency, voice and hearing,
- Articulation/phonology,
- Swallowing and
- Alternative and augmentative communication.

WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

In preparing your application to the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Toronto, there are seven specific requirements that you must fulfill. Please visit www.slp.utoronto.ca and <https://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/> for additional details and application deadlines. These requirements include:

1. A four-year undergraduate degree;
2. Completion of the prerequisite courses with a minimum of a B+ in each course including:
 - Child development (one half-course)
 - Elementary statistics (one half-course)
 - General linguistics (one half-course)
 - Human physiology (one full-course)
 - Phonetics (one half-course)
 - Research design (one half-course);
3. A minimum of 14 hours of clinical experience in a communication disorders setting supervised by a certified speech-language pathologist;
4. Two academic references;
5. A clinical reference from the supervisor of your volunteer speech-language pathology experience;
6. A statement of intent and
7. A minimum of a mid-B in the final year of undergraduate level study.

QUESTIONS

- Web: www.slp.utoronto.ca
- E-mail: slp.admissions@utoronto.ca
- Phone: (416) 978-1794
- Application: www.ouac.on.ca/orpas (starting in October)
- Attend an information seminar: <http://www.slp.utoronto.ca/why-u-of-t/information-session/>



WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO?

The Master of Health Science (MHSc) program has received a full seven-year accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Canadian University Programs in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology (CACUP- ASLP). There are a number of additional factors that distinguish the University of Toronto from other speech- language pathology programs. Some of these highlights include:

1. AN OUTSTANDING AND LEADING EDGE CURRICULUM

- The innovative MHSc curriculum objectives reflect the skills of exemplary practitioners.
- You will complete a capstone portfolio in which you demonstrate achievement of these curriculum objectives.
- Academic units are directly followed by clinical courses in the same content area, a feature that is unique in North America and helps to ensure that you are successful and confident in clinical placements.
- You will receive additional hands-on experience during Integrated Learning Experiences (ILEs) in academic units that address clinical cases.
- You will be connected to your professors and peers during clinical placements by participating in Teaching Clinics that feature small group presentations and discussions to further your learning.
- You will participate in the highly regarded Interprofessional Education Curriculum for 11 health science professions at the University of Toronto that will make you collaborative practice-ready for your first job.

2. SUPPORTIVE AND EXTENSIVE CLINICAL PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Your clinical placements are supervised by over 300 experienced clinical educators who are leaders in their practice areas and often conduct and present research.
- Your clinical placements take place in a wide variety of sites (e.g., hospitals, schools, and private practice).
- The Department of Speech-Language Pathology arranges your clinical placements with consultation and preferences reviewed in the process.
- The Department has close interactions with seven fully-affiliated teaching hospitals and 10 community-affiliated hospitals that represent many of Canada's largest and finest clinical and public health facilities.
- You may also have the option to participate in placement opportunities abroad.

3. GRADUATE AS A WORK-READY PROFESSIONAL

Upon graduation, you are eligible to:

- Register with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO) and
- Write the clinical certification exam with Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC).

4. A STRONG FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A PHD

- Faculty conduct internationally recognized, ground-breaking research.
- The department has a close relationship with the speech-language pathology community in both education and research.
- You have the opportunity to complete a PhD and become a clinician-researcher after the MHSc program.