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POST – BACCALAUREATE 2ND DEGREE PROGRAM

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (TTUHSC)

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (SHP)

DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES (SLHS)

What are the admission requirements for the 2nd Degree Program?

Students entering the 2nd degree program are required to have a bachelor's degree by the start of the program (every August), which must include completion of the Texas Common Core curriculum. Admission is limited and competitive and requires a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and at least 1 undergraduate course with a grade of C or better in each of these 4 areas: physical science (physics OR chemistry), life science (biology OR anatomy and physiology), behavioral/social science (e.g., psychology, sociology, anthropology), and statistics. For more information, contact the TTUHSC Office of Admissions & Student Affairs (806-743-3220 or health.professions@ttuhsc.edu) to schedule an advising appointment.

When is the deadline to apply to the TTUHSC 2nd Degree Program?

The application deadline for the leveling program is March 1 of each year for the following fall class. Students will be informed of admission decisions by May 1.

Where can I find application materials?

Application materials for the School of Health Professions can be found at <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/shp/admissions/application.aspx>. Indicate that you are applying for Speech, Language and Hearing Science – BS Program. When asked which option you are applying for, choose the 1-year post-baccalaureate 2nd degree option.

What are the benefits of earning a second bachelor's degree (B.S. in SLHS)?

With a B.S. in SLHS, you will have completed all of the required speech and hearing prerequisite courses as well as the required clinical observation and clinical assistant hours such that you can apply for a job as a licensed speech-language pathology assistant (SLP-A) in the state of Texas, or you can apply to a graduate program in speech-language pathology, audiology, or a related field.

How long is the TTUHSC 2nd degree program?

The program begins in the fall and lasts 3 semesters (fall, spring, and summer). Students will take classes with SLHS traditional undergraduate students.

Are 2nd degree earners guaranteed admission into the TTUHSC Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology Graduate Program?

No, you are not guaranteed a slot in a TTUHSC Graduate Program. You may apply and compete for a slot after your first semester of coursework in the 2nd degree program. Admission is limited and competitive and requires at least a 3.0 GPA in 2nd degree coursework and above average scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test. The application for the graduate program is due January 15.

Is it possible to work while I am enrolled in the program?

At this time, the program is for full-time students, and all of our class are traditional (face-to-face rather than online). Students are required to attend classes on the TTUHSC Lubbock campus during the daytime (typically Monday through Thursday each week). It can be difficult to arrange work schedules around class schedules because the class times change every semester; however, 10-15 hours of flexible work time and/or extracurricular activities per week can be managed successfully by top students.

What is the cost of tuition for the TTUHSC 2nd degree Program?

Texas residents typically pay ~\$3,600 for each semester enrolled. Nonresidents typically pay ~\$9,000 for each semester

enrolled. For current tuition rates please visit <http://www.ttuhs.edu/shp/prospective/tuition.aspx>.

Can I qualify for financial aid?

Because you are seeking a 2nd bachelor's degree, you may qualify for some types of financial aid and not others. You will pay undergraduate tuition and fees while taking 2nd degree courses.

What does an average day in the program look like?

The schedule is slightly different every semester. You typically attend classes Monday through Thursday each week. During your second semester, you will be required to observe and assist in clinic for an additional 1-2 hours per week at different times between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For each hour you spend in class, you are expected to spend 2-3 hours outside of class time studying and working on class assignments. During the summer session, you will be enrolled in 2 hours of clinical practicum. You will obtain clinical assisting hours by helping to provide therapy to clients in one or more of our summer therapy programs.

Are volunteer or observation hours required or recommended before entering the TTUHSC 2nd Degree Program?

The TTUHSC Department of SLHS does not endorse or require undergraduate student volunteer clinic hours at particular facilities. Thus, no paperwork/formal documentation is required. However, we strongly encourage students to independently seek volunteer opportunities that will expose them to the professions of speech-language pathology, audiology, and related health care or educational disciplines.

What kind of dress is expected?

You may wear casual clothes to class; the classrooms are in a different area of the TTUHSC building than the clinic. The clinic, student workroom, and faculty offices share space in the department; therefore, if you are checking your mailbox or meeting with a professor, you should wear business casual attire because clients and their family members will see you in the clinic. When you observe or participate in clinic, you are expected to wear business casual attire that is both comfortable

and modest such as slacks or skirts and blouses or shirts. Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not permitted.

When will I know my class schedule?

For undergraduate juniors and new 2nd degree students, an email will be sent in June that contains a website link that provides all sorts of information, including mandatory online summer training, fall orientation schedule, fall course schedule, textbook list, and instructions for how to register for courses and obtain a parking permit online. Scheduling is typically done in October for the spring semester. Our university has a lock-step program, meaning that your advisor will tell you what classes you and your classmates will take for the upcoming semester. There are no electives or different sections of classes; all students in the same cohort take the same classes at the same time.

What careers are possible with a bachelor's degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences?

Here are some possible options for employment:

- Licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A)
- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Specialist
- Case Worker at state agencies (e.g., Department of Assistive & Rehabilitation Services (DARS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Department of State Health Services (DSHS))
- Hearing Aid Dispenser (with some additional training)
- Activities Director at a long-term care facility
- Child Care Provider

You can also visit www.asha.org/careers for further information about careers in speech-language pathology and audiology.

When do I need to be in compliance with all of my immunizations?

Your immunization records must be in compliance 10 days prior to the first day of class each semester. Information regarding immunization requirements can be found at <http://www.ttuhs.edu/shp/orientation/slhs.aspx>. If you have questions about immunization requirements or the status of your immunizations, please contact the Office of Institutional Health at 806-743-3019.