What careers are possible with a bachelor’s degree in SLHS?

With a bachelor’s degree in SLHS, you are eligible to apply to a graduate program for either a master’s degree in speech-language pathology or a clinical doctorate in audiology. You can visit www.asha.org/careers for further information about careers in speech-language pathology and audiology. You could also apply for a master’s degree in a related field, such as reading, education of the hearing impaired, special education, or rehabilitation counseling.

If you decide not to go to graduate school, here are some possible options for employment:

- Licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA)
- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Specialist
- State agencies (e.g., Department of Assistive & Rehabilitation Services (DARS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or Department of State Health Services (DSHS))
- Activities Director at a long-term care facility
- Child Care Provider
- Teacher’s aide or substitute teacher for public school

What courses should I take for my electives?

Elective courses can be anything you want! Elective courses do not have to be related to the field of speech and hearing. You may choose to take courses in your specific area of interest, such as education, human development and family studies, business, or psychology.

Do I need to declare a major or minor before entering the TTUHSC SLHS Undergraduate Program?

Some colleges require you to declare a major (other than pre-speech, language, and hearing sciences) once you have earned > 40 credit hours. You may declare any major you wish as long as you complete the required prerequisite courses. Once you are admitted to the SLHS professional program, SLHS will become your official major.

You are not required to declare or earn a minor, and the TTUHSC does not offer the option of earning a minor; therefore, if you do choose to earn a minor, it must be completed before entering the TTUHSC (Note: Minors often require a combination of lower and upper level courses). The TTUHSC will not recognize your minor on your official transcript or diploma when you graduate; however, the minor coursework will appear on your official transcript at the institution from which you earned your minor. You can legitimately list your minor on a resume or job application.

Are volunteer or observation hours required or recommended before entering the undergraduate program at TTUHSC?

The TTUHSC Department of SLHS does not endorse or require undergraduate student volunteer 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 courses are required before entering the undergraduate program at TTUHSC?

A list of prerequisite courses can be found at www.ttuhs.edu/sah/cdu/prereq.aspx. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the start of classes in the fall.

Does it matter where I take the prerequisite courses?

No, you may take prerequisite courses at any regionally accredited college or university.
How can I get involved in the field of speech and hearing before entering the SLHS Undergraduate Program?
Before entering the undergraduate program at the TTUHSC, you can consider joining your local chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) for future health professionals. Information about the national organization can be found at www.hosa.org.

Also, consider taking COMS 2350 on TTU main campus. This introductory course to speech and hearing is taught by a TTUHSC faculty member and is offered every fall semester. This course will count as one of the social and behavioral science independent/group behavior prerequisite courses; however, it is NOT mandatory. Therefore, if you do not attend TTU or cannot fit the course into your schedule, it is not a problem.

Where can I find TTUHSC application materials for the SLHS Undergraduate Program?
Application materials for the School of Allied Health Sciences can be found at http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/admissions/application.aspx. For the undergraduate program, indicate that you are applying for the Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences – BS Program.

What is a leveler?
The post-baccalaureate leveling program is designed for students who have already earned an undergraduate degree in another field and need to fulfill the speech and hearing prerequisite courses required for entering a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology.

What is the deadline to apply to the TTUHSC Undergraduate Program?
The application deadline for the undergraduate program is March 1 of each year for the following fall class. Students will be informed of admission decisions by May 1. Note: You do NOT have to complete all prerequisite courses prior to applying. You must have a plan in place for how all courses will be completed by August 15th.

I applied to the TTUHSC SLHS Undergraduate Program by the March 1 deadline. It is time to pre-register for fall courses, but I have not heard about whether or not I was accepted to the TTUHSC SLHS Program. What should I do?
It is always good to have a “back-up” plan. Thus, you may go ahead and register for fall courses as a “back-up.” If you are admitted to the TTUHSC SLHS Program (You will know by May 1), you will simply drop your fall courses at your current university and enroll in your TTUHSC courses instead.

What are the admission requirements for the TTUHSC Undergraduate Program?
Admission is limited and competitive and requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a grade of “C” or better in all prerequisite courses. A list of prerequisite courses can be found at www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/cdu/prereq.aspx.

When do I have to decide between a career in speech-language pathology or audiology?
You do not have to make a decision between speech-language pathology and audiology until you are choosing which graduate program to attend. When you enter the SLHS Undergraduate Program, you will enroll in courses from both disciplines because hearing and speech are integrally related. In graduate school, the field you choose (SLP or AuD) will be your “major” and the other one will be your automatic, unofficial “minor.”

Is the TTUHSC part of Texas Tech University, or is it a separate university?
While both TTU and the TTUHSC are part of the TTU System, they are separate institutions. Once admitted to the TTUHSC, you will register for courses, pay tuition, attend classes, obtain a TTUHSC ID badge, access the medical school library, and park your car on the TTUHSC campus. You will also be eligible to maintain a TTU ID card, which allows you access to TTU sporting events, the TTU library, and the TTU recreation center. (Your TTUHSC parking permit will allow you to park in TTU commuter lots.)