FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS {FAQs}
POST – BACCALAUREATE LEVELING PROGRAM
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (TTUHSC)
SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (SOAHS)
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES (SLHS)

What are the admission requirements for the TTUHSC Leveling Program?
Students entering the post-baccalaureate leveling program are required to have a bachelor’s degree by the start of the program (every August). Admission is limited and competitive and requires a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and at least 1 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 additional information on application options for out-of-field students, please go to http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/slp/ and click the Out-of-Field Option links.

When is the deadline to apply to the TTUHSC Leveling 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 Allied Health Sciences can be found at http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/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 leveling option.

Will I receive an additional degree in speech, language, and hearing sciences as a leveler?
No, the post-baccalaureate leveling program is designed to provide you only with the speech and hearing prerequisite courses required for applying to a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology.

How long is the TTUHSC leveling program?
The leveling program begins in the fall and lasts two semesters (fall and spring). Students will take classes with SLHS traditional undergraduate students.

Are levelers 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 leveling coursework. Admission is limited and competitive and requires at least a 3.0 GPA in leveling 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?
It can be difficult to arrange work schedules and will depend on the job requirements, but it can be done if you are a good time manager. Based on undergraduate student experience, 10-15 hours a week of work and/or extracurricular activities is all that can be handled in order to maintain academic success.

What is the cost of tuition for the TTUHSC Leveling Program?
Texas residents typically pay ~$3,500 for each fall and spring semester enrolled. Nonresidents typically pay ~$8700 for each fall and spring semester enrolled. For current tuition rates please visit http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sah/prospective/tuition.aspx.
Can I qualify for financial aid as a leveler?
Because you are not seeking a bachelor's or master's degree, it may be difficult to qualify for financial aid. You will pay undergraduate tuition and fees while taking leveling courses.

What does an average day in the program look like?
The schedule is a little different every semester. Undergraduates 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.

Are volunteer or observation hours required or recommended before entering the TTUHSC Leveling 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 leveling 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. For undergraduate seniors and returning levelers, 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 plus 1 year of SLHS leveling coursework?
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), Department of State Health Services (DSHS))
- 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/sah/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.