

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/communication-sciences-coms/coms-programs/ms-in-speech-language-pathology/>

## Program Requirements

1. A minimum of 43 academic semester credit hours (SCH) plus six successful semesters (18 SCH) of clinical practicum are required for those seeking a graduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Those individuals seeking a degree with an undergraduate major other than Communication Sciences may be required to take additional semester credit hours.
2. All students must successfully complete a Comprehensive Exam for degree completion and graduation.

## Additional Program Requirements

**Immunizations:** Speech-Language Pathology is a health care field. Each student must submit documentation (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/student-health-services/Demographic-Form-Immun-Requirements-Communication-Science-Program.pdf>) that all required immunizations are current to Student Health Services at Texas Woman's University after admittance and prior to attendance in any clinical experience. Immunizations must remain current throughout enrollment. Students who are out of compliance will be unable to participate in required externships, clinical rotations, or client interactions on campus which may result in a delay or halt of academic progression.

**Background Check:** A background check is required prior to any clinical experience and is conducted by a third party at the student's expense and every subsequent 12th month in the program. Some externship sites require an additional background check which the students will complete at their expense. Instructions for completing this requirement are provided during orientation. Non-clearance of a background check could result in a delay or halt of academic progression.

**Drug Screening:** A drug screening is required prior to any clinical experience and is conducted by a third party at the student's expense and every subsequent 12th month in the program. Some externship sites require an additional drug screening which the students will complete at their expense. Instructions for completing this requirement are provided during orientation. Any student with a non-negative drug screen result or who refuses the drug screen will be dismissed from the SLP master's program.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training (CPR):** Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association is required of all students in preparation for the requirements of clinical rotations. This training is at the student's expense. Instructions for completing this requirement are provided after program admission.

**Health Insurance:** Many practicum sites require the student to have health insurance coverage. Documentation must be provided to the clinical site.

## Retention Requirements

Students receiving a grade of C or lower in one graduate course must retake the course and earn a grade of B or higher in order to successfully complete the master's program. Students must not receive more than one C (or lower) in graduate coursework. Students receiving two C grades or lower, in the same or different courses/practicum, will be dismissed from the program. Students must also maintain professional and academic integrity at all times and must abide by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) (<http://www.asha.org/>), university, college, department, and program codes of ethics/conduct and policies and procedures while in the program.

## Program of Study

61-62 semester credit hours (SCH).

| Code                               | Title  | SCHs         |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Academic Courses</b>   |  |              |
| COMS 5003                          | Research in Communication Sciences                                     | 3            |
| COMS 5012                          | Aural Habilitation   | 2            |
| COMS 5521                          | Contemporary Issues in Communication Disorders                         | 1            |
| COMS 5232                          | Language Disorders in Preschool Children                               | 2            |
| COMS 5333                          | Assessment and Diagnosis of Communication Disorders                    | 3            |
| COMS 5353                          | Adult Dysphagia  | 3            |
| COMS 5423                          | Augmentative and Alternative Communication                             | 3            |
| COMS 5452                          | Pediatric Dysphagia  | 2            |
| COMS 5483                          | Neural Bases of Communication  | 3            |
| COMS 5523                          | Speech Science   | 3            |
| COMS 5542                          | Fluency Disorders  | 2            |
| COMS 5553                          | Speech Sound Disorders   | 3            |
| COMS 5583                          | Management of Neurogenic Communication Disorders                       | 3            |
| COMS 5603                          | Language Disorders in School-Age Children                              | 3            |
| COMS 5722                          | Voice and Resonance Disorders  | 2            |
| COMS 5022                          | Integrating Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Professional Practice | 2            |
| COMS 5621                          | Special Populations and Communication Disorders                        | 1            |
| <b>Required Clinical Practicum</b> |  |              |
| COMS 5413<br>or COMS 5443          | Clinical Practicum (to be taken 5 times)<br>Clinical Externship        | 15           |
| COMS 5473                          | Advanced Clinical Externship   | 3            |
| <b>Electives</b>                   |  |              |
| Select 2-3 SCH from the following  |  | 2-3          |
| COMS 5133                          | Families and Young Children in Deaf Education                          |              |
| COMS 5632                          | Healthcare and the Speech-Language Pathologist                         |              |
| HS 5753                            | Interprofessional Collaboration and Health Promotion                   |              |
| <b>Total SCHs</b>                  |  | <b>61-62</b> |