



# EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

### Leveling Track

The mission of the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at East Texas Baptist University is to contribute to the Christ-centered mission through equipping students called to the field of speech-language pathology with the competence and confidence to help families and individuals across the lifespan, and from diverse backgrounds, facing the impact of communication, cognitive, and swallowing disorders as well as communication differences.

A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite to enter the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) program. Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) field are eligible to apply for the MS-SLP program upon completion of required leveling courses.

**ETBU will offer required leveling courses online each fall and spring semester (total of 24 credits).**

Students enrolled in leveling courses may apply for the subsequent fall graduate cohort by April 1. However, any of these courses, or their equivalency from another college or university, must be completed prior to beginning graduate level coursework.

Students who have taken leveling courses at a college or university other than ETBU should meet with an ETBU academic advisor to determine which courses may transfer and which requirements remain. Course descriptions, syllabi, and other materials may be required to demonstrate that a given course fulfills the requirement.

A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale AND overall GPA of 3.0 within leveling courses is required to be considered for graduate admission in the MS-SLP program. Completion of leveling courses does not guarantee admission to the graduate program.

*(see reverse side for leveling courses and application details)*



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# MS-SLP Leveling Courses (7-Week Term)

## Fall Flex I

SPLP 1301 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3 hours)

SPLP 1302 Introduction to Audiology (3 hours)

## Fall Flex II

SPLP 2303 Speech and Language Acquisition (3 hours)

SPLP 3302 Phonetics (3 hours)

## Spring Term\*

SPLP 4303 Clinical Methods and Observations in Speech-Language Pathology (3 hours)

## Spring Flex I

SPLP 2302 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing (3 hours)

## Spring Flex II

SPLP 3303 Aural Rehabilitation (3 hours)

SPLP 4304 Neural Basis of Communication (3 hours)

\*15-week term

## American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Required Courses

It is expected that students will have obtained a broad general education to serve as a background prior to their graduate study. Specifically, four (4) non-CSD courses must be taken for credit. ASHA certification requires that applicants must demonstrate knowledge through transcript credit in each of the following areas: biological sciences, physical sciences, social/behavioral sciences, and statistics as detailed below.

**Biological Sciences** – Knowledge in areas related to human or animal sciences (e.g., biology, human anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, human genetics, or veterinary science).

**Physical Sciences** – Chemistry or physics.

**Social/Behavioral Sciences** – Knowledge in the analysis and investigation of human and animal behavior through controlled and naturalistic observation and disciplined scientific experimentation (e.g., psychology, sociology, anthropology, or public health).

**Statistics** – Learning from data and measuring, controlling, and communicating uncertainty. Coursework in research methodology in the absence of basic statistics cannot be used to fulfill the statistics requirement.

## Application Process

Submit an undergraduate application through the Adult Education Program:

<https://apply.etbu.edu/apply/>

Special Note: Select the Adult Education Application. When completing the application, select “SLP Preparatory Student” under enrollment status and “Speech-Language Pathology Preparatory Program” under intended field of study.

Students enrolled in the Adult Education Program are eligible to receive a *Life-long Learning Grant* equal to 1/3 the amount of tuition for leveling courses. Federal and state aid may be available to those who qualify. We encourage you to apply through ETBU’s Financial Aid office to determine eligibility.

Once admitted, you will be assigned an ETBU academic advisor for course advising and enrollment.

