

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The School of Human Communication Disorders offers a three-year program leading to the Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology. It is the only graduate speech-language pathology program in Atlantic Canada.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students attain a minimum of 13 full credits through completion of course work, clinical practica, and a research project or thesis. In the first year of the program all students take foundation courses in common with students in the Audiology program, which is also offered at the School. In the second and third years, speech-language pathology students take only discipline-specific classes.

Extensive clinical practice is required throughout the three-year program. Some clinical training occurs during the academic terms, but most is acquired during two 12-week placements: one in the second summer and one in the final term of study. Placements for most students during these two intensive practicum periods are outside metro Halifax. The School of Human Communication Disorders is fortunate to be affiliated with the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres (NSHSC), an agency that provides both speech-language and audiology services throughout the province. Clinical educators from the NSHSC supervise many of the clinical training experiences of students at the School.

All students are required to undertake research with the assistance of a faculty supervisor. A limited number of students per year are admitted to a thesis track. The remainder complete research projects.

All students are enrolled in full-time study. The School does not currently offer a part time program.

ENROLLMENT

The School admits only a set quota of students each year into the Speech-Language Pathology Program. While the majority of the spaces are reserved for students from the Maritime Provinces, there are also spaces available for applicants from other regions of Canada and outside Canada.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Speech-language pathologists are qualified to identify, assess and manage disorders of speech, language, and voice affecting people from infancy through adulthood. They frequently work in collaboration with specialists in other fields. Speech-language pathologists are typically employed in clinics, hospitals, schools, universities, and private practice. Employment opportunities for speech-language pathologists are excellent in Canada, the United States and overseas. Chances of job acquisition are enhanced by the willingness of the candidate to relocate.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Students must possess a baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of higher education with a minimum average of B+. Admissions decisions are made on the basis of the following: academic transcript, letters of recommendation, personal statement, and relevant volunteer or work experience. Non-Canadian applicants whose first language is not English must pass a test of English proficiency prior to acceptance. The School gives special consideration to qualified applicants who are

members of minority groups or who have a disability.

The application deadline is January 15.

INQUIRIES

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