The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program (MS-SLP) at Jacksonville University is designed for students planning careers as speech-language pathologists.

Our specialized clinical courses enable students to focus on specific areas of clinical practice, developing professionals who are knowledgeable in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of speech, voice, swallowing, language, and cognitive disorders. Under the direction of our experienced faculty, students gain the skills needed to assess and treat individuals with diverse needs.

Speech-language pathologists work in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing facilities, or private practice, and diagnose, treat and help prevent a variety of communication, speech, and language disorders.

Job Outlook
Employment of speech-language pathologists is projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the large baby-boom population grows older, there will be more instances of health conditions that can cause speech or language impairments, such as stroke or dementia. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median 2017 salary for a speech pathologist was $76,610.

Industry Partners
JU has relationships with a diverse group of affiliates who hire our graduates. These partners include Brooks Rehabilitation and medical centers including Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health, St. Vincent’s and Orange Park Medical Center. We also partner with Duval, Clay, and St. Johns county schools and a variety of private practices and skilled nursing facilities.

Fully Accredited

Program Achievements
- 100% PRAXIS exam pass rate for graduating cohorts
- 100% employment rate for graduating cohorts

Deadlines
Application Deadline: February 15
The MS-SLP program admits approximately 34 students once per year for a fall-term cohort.

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree with cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Official GRE score report
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal statement (maximum of 2 pages double spaced)
- Professional curriculum vitae or resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- 25 hours of clinical observation
- Video portfolio may be requested (maximum 3 minutes)
“I have been afforded the incredible opportunity to work and learn alongside knowledgeable faculty that actively researches and participates in the discipline at a national level. Each member of the faculty has provided me with challenging curriculum, real-world application, and mentorship along the way. The MS-SLP program is one that values application of the discipline, and by the second semester I was participating in off-campus internships arranged by the department.”

- Jenna D. Bradley, Class of 2019

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PREREQUISITES

These prerequisites are required for students who do not already have a bachelor’s degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders.

- Physical Science (Physics or Chemistry)
- Biological Science (Human or Animal Sciences)
- Social Science (Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, or Public Health)
- Statistics
- Introduction to Speech Production Disorders
- Neuroanatomy
- Speech Anatomy & Physiology
- Acoustics
- Speech & Language Development
- Phonetics

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

- **Areas of Specialization:** Occupational voice problems, singing voice and clinical outcomes in voice therapy.
- **Education**
  - Ph.D., Voice Disorders, University of Florida
  - M.S., Speech-Language Pathology, University of South Florida
  - B.A., Music Therapy, Charleston Southern University
- Dr. Wingate worked as a voice specialist for the University of Florida, Department of Communicative Disorders at the Health Science Center from 1996 to 2001 and 2004 to 2013. She is the author of *Healthy Singing*, a vocal health book for singers and their teachers.

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