Why Study Pre-Speech, Language, and Hearing Science at Texas Tech?

Pre-Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) is considered a designation at Texas Tech University, it is not a major. Pre-Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences students take the required courses to apply to a SLHS program. Pre-Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences students also have the option to major in any area of study they want, as long as they take the prerequisite courses required to enter a SLHS program along with the courses needed to earn a degree at Texas Tech University.

The field of speech-language and hearing sciences includes a wide range of careers, including audiologists and speech-language pathologists. Professionals in this field help patients deal with a broad range of disabilities and conditions related to speech delays or difficulties and hearing loss or limitations. Audiologists measure hearing ability, identify hearing and balance disorders, provide rehabilitative services, assess amplification devices, and provide training in speech-reading. They treat patients from birth through adulthood. A Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) is an independent professional who specializes in diagnosing, managing, and treating hearing- and balance-related disorders. Speech-Language Pathologists assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent speech, language, cognitive, communication, voice, swallowing, fluency, and other related disorders. This profession is closely allied with audiology, yet still a separate field. The following are examples of the types of people with whom Speech-Language Pathologists work:

- Those who cannot make speech sounds or cannot make them clearly
- Those with speech rhythm and fluency problems, such as stuttering
- Those with problems understanding and producing language
- Those who wish to improve their communication skills by modifying an accent

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- Undergraduate Research
  The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad. For more info, visit their website: [https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/)

- Study Abroad
  From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

To see where our study abroad programs can take you, visit the website here: [https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/](https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/)

WHAT TO DO WHEN CONSIDERING THE HEALTH CARE FIELD

Research your career of interest:

- Browse the internet.
- Research at your library.
- Contact your Area Health Education Center (AHEC).
- Ask your counselors or teachers about the career.

Talk to a professional who works in the career of interest:

- What is an average day like in their profession?
- What is the most enjoyable part of their job?
- What other health professionals do they work with?
- What type of education is required for their profession?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of their job?

Get experience working in a health care setting:

- Volunteer at a hospital or health clinic.
- Mentor with someone in your career interest.
- Learn basic skills such as CPR and First Aid.

Take related classes while in high school:

- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology
- Health Care Science/Health Occupations Classes
- Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus/Calculus

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.
- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.
- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**
  Application from applytexas.org
  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

- **Zach Fisher**—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

- **Maryellen Baeza**—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/