

Graduate Studies in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

University of South Alabama



Instructions and Application Packet for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

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**Application for Admission for
the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D. degree)
in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
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Notice: This application packet contains all the information needed to apply to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of South Alabama. The applicant must adhere to the guidelines set forth in this packet. **No other forms of application will be accepted.**

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

Application Deadline

Applications for Track One of the Ph.D. program are accepted at any time and enrollment can begin any semester. Applications for the Track Two program are accepted after November 1 during the student's first year of the MSSLP program or second year of the Au.D. program. The deadline for receipt of all application materials for the Track Two program is February 15, 2009.

Application Fee

- The application fee is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$85.
- The fee must accompany the application.
- Checks, money orders, or credit card payments should be made out to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Application Materials

The applicant is responsible for gathering the following materials, in addition to the application fee, and enclosing all within one packet that is mailed directly to our department. **This completed packet of materials must be sent directly to the department at:**

**Academic and Admissions Committee
Speech Pathology and Audiology
University of South Alabama
2000 University Commons
Mobile, AL 36688-0002**

1. Completed Application for Admission to Graduate Studies in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
2. Official transcripts from each institution attended since high school, regardless of whether credit was earned. Although applicants are responsible for submitting the transcripts, the transcripts must be received in official sealed envelopes as provided by each institution to the

applicant. If the institution will not release official transcripts to students, then the applicant should request that the official transcripts be sent directly to the department.

3. Three completed recommendation forms. Two of these recommendations must be from doctoral level faculty within the applicant's major field of study. The third recommendation may be from a faculty member from a department other than the applicant's major, a university-based clinical supervisor or master's level instructor, or a recent employer if the applicant has been employed in a related profession. These recommendations must be received in sealed envelopes, preferably with the referee's signature across the seal.
4. A letter of intent, not to exceed one typed page, including a statement about the applicant's professional goals.
5. In addition, a copy of the student's scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be provided. GRE scores must be no more than five years old. **Only scores verified by the Feb. 15 deadline will be reviewed. Note that verification often takes 30 days. Official scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. This is the one exception to the complete packet of materials to be submitted. Send official GRE scores to:**

**Office of Admissions
182 Administration Building
University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL 36688-0002
(Institution Code: 1880)**

Incomplete application packets will not be considered for admission.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships are currently available for the Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Assistantships consist of a stipend determined by the University and a tuition waiver of 10 credits per semester. Students with a tuition waiver are responsible for paying for credits that exceed 10.

Graduate assistantship recipients work for the department 20 hours weekly each semester. The Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship application form (GS Form #12) is included in this packet. **If you would like to be considered for an assistantship, you must complete the form at the time of application.** The form is optional, however, if you are applying for admission without any interest in obtaining a graduate assistantship.

Information

Should there be any further questions about this application process, please contact the Department Secretary at (251) 380-2605 or the Admissions Committee Chair by e-mail at: rmoore@usouthal.edu or jestis@usouthal.edu. Extensive information regarding the program and faculty is located at the department website: www.southalabama.edu/alliedhealth/speechandhearing/.

Ph.D. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Applicants wishing to pursue the Ph.D. degree design a program suited to meet their future teaching and research goals in speech-language pathology, audiology and/or applied speech/hearing sciences within the framework of the core requirements described below. For full time students, it is anticipated that they can complete the Ph.D. in three years.

There are two tracks that students can choose in pursuit of the Ph.D. degree. Track One is for applicants who have completed both undergraduate and graduate level training in the profession or a related field. For these students, it is assumed that they have either already met course work requirements toward certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), or they are not pursuing certification. Students with bachelor's degrees within the discipline may enter this program but do not complete the clinical requirements for certification through ASHA (i.e., CCC-A or CCC-SLP).

Track Two is designed for students who wish to obtain clinical certification in either discipline as part of their training. This track is available as a fast-track option to the Ph.D. program and is available to Au.D. and M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology students after they have completed one half of their degree programs. That is, Au.D. students can apply to the Ph.D. program after the first two years of their Au.D. training. If accepted, they proceed to complete the requirements for the Au.D. and the Ph.D. programs simultaneously. They are awarded both degrees at the completion of all program requirements, and they are eligible for ASHA CCC-A. Students in the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology program can convert to the Ph.D. program after one year of the master's degree and complete the Ph.D. in three years. They are awarded the Ph.D. only. They will have, however, demonstrated the core knowledge and skills necessary to be eligible for the ASHA CCC-SLP. They will still need to complete a Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY).

The following is a sample of the minimum requirements needed to earn the Ph.D. degree:

Core Courses 12 hours

Pre-dissertation course work in experimental design, statistical procedures, and research instrumentation. Includes doctoral colloquia.

CSD 650 Research Methods (3 hrs)

CSD 651 Speech and Hearing Science and Instrumentation (3 hrs)

IDE 620 Quantitative Methods I (3 hrs)

IDE 621 Quantitative Methods II (3 hrs)

Electives 29 hours

Electives include directed studies and directed research. Research projects are designed to give the student direct experience in the design, analysis and interpretation of experimental questions. This directed research is intended, in part, to provide the student with a project for their pre-dissertation research manuscript and oral presentation. These experiences are also designed as pre-requisites to the preparation of the prospectus of the doctoral dissertation. Additionally, students may take course work within and outside the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Professional Practicum 4 hours

Professional practicum experiences are designed to give direct experience with, at least, two of the following professional areas: teaching, clinical supervision and administration. These may be repeated but only 4 hours count toward degree requirements.

Dissertation 21 hours

TOTAL 66 hours

NOTE: The above represent minimum requirements.



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Use this form to apply only to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Communication Sciences and Disorders

For the Ph.D. program, indicate the desired area of emphasis:

- Track One: Speech-Language Science emphasis (no coursework toward ASHA certification)
- Track One: Hearing Science emphasis (no coursework toward ASHA certification)

(Note: Applications for Track Two of the Ph.D. program with emphasis in either Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology are eligible only to current Au.D. and M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology students. Track Two application forms are available from the department by request.)

For the Ph.D. program, indicate the term you would like to enter the program:

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

Are you applying for an assistantship? Yes No If yes, complete the assistantship application (GS Form #12)

PRINT or TYPE all the information requested.

Legal Last Name _____
 Legal First Name _____ Middle Name _____
 Name Prefix: Mr Mrs Ms Other _____ Name Suffix: (Ex. Jr., Sr. III, etc.) _____
 Preferred First Name _____ Other Name (Ex. Maiden Name) _____

To which address do you wish to receive mail regarding admission? Present Summer Permanent

Present Address:

Street Address / P.O. Box _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 County _____ Nation: United States of America Other _____
 Phone Number (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Mailing Address Phone) _____
 Secondary Phone (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Work, Cell, Pager) _____

Summer Address:

Street Address / P.O. Box _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 County _____ Nation: United States of America Other _____
 Phone Number (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Mailing Address Phone) _____
 Secondary Phone (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Work, Cell, Pager) _____

Permanent Address:

Street Address / P.O. Box _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 County _____ Nation: United States of America Other _____
 Phone Number (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Mailing Address Phone) _____
 Secondary Phone (____) _____ Phone Type (Ex. Work, Cell, Pager) _____
 State of Legal Residence _____ County of Legal Residence _____

Email (your preferred email address) _____

Additional Identification Information

Gender Female Male Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Social Security Number: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Ethnic Background (Optional): Caucasian African American Filipino Native Hawaiian

Guamanian/Chamorro American Indian Hispanic Chicano Mexican American

Other Hispanic Puerto Rican Alaskan Native Asian Asian Indian Asian Pacific Islander

Vietnamese Other _____

Marital Status (Optional): Unmarried Married Separated Widowed

Religious Preference (Optional) _____

Did any of your family members graduate from USA Yes No Relationship to Applicant _____

Are you a veteran? Yes No If yes, Vet. File Number : _____ Vet. Type: _____

Enrollment Information

List below **all** colleges attended (including USA). Indicate dates of attendance and degree earned or anticipated. All institutions must be listed. You are required to have complete **official** transcripts from **every** school attended. As possible, these should be obtained and included in this application packet. If a school will not release an official transcript in a sealed envelope to you, then it should be sent directly to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Name of College	City and State	Degree	Major	Dates Attended	
				Mon/Yr	Mon/Yr
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer	Your Title	Dates Employed	
		Mon/Yr	Mon/Yr
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List any scholastic honors, awards or fellowships

List the three persons who will be providing recommendations:

_____	_____
Name	Affiliation
_____	_____
Name	Affiliation
_____	_____
Name	Affiliation

Have you ever attended the University of South Alabama before? Yes No

Are you currently enrolled at USA Yes No USA Student Number: _____

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Date Taken: _____

Provide your scores Verbal: _____ Quantitative: _____ Narrative: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No If not, what country? _____

What type of Visa? _____

If you have ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, describe details on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

Although background checks and drug testing are not presently required by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, some cooperating agencies associated with students' clinical placements require student externs to pass background checks and/or drug screening. Our department does require students to have completed Hepatitis B vaccinations and to undergo regular screening for Tuberculosis.

Fee: \$85.00 Paid by all Applicants.

Indicate form of payment: check money order credit card

Credit Card Information:

Type of credit card: VISA MasterCard Discover

Account Number: _____

Card Valid Through (Month and Year): _____ / _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Authorizing Signature: _____

Sign and date your application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to acquire and submit to the Department the application form, fee, transcripts, recommendations and letter of intent. The GRE scores must be submitted directly to the University. See the instructions section for details.

I certify that the information PROVIDED is true and complete; I understand that withholding information requested, with the exception of information designated as optional, or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission and enrollment. I also certify that, if I am a male born on or after January 1, 1960, I comply with the provisions of the United States Military Selective Service Board or that I am not yet 18 years of age and I will register when required or that I am not required by law to register (this certification is required by State of Alabama Legislature Act 91-584).

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

2. Evaluation: In comparison with other students in the same field who have the same amount of experience and training, I rate this person as follows:

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%	Unable to Rate
General Academic Ability						
Knowledge in subject of proposed study						
Ability to grasp new concepts						
Originality, intellectual creativity						
Mathematical and logical thought						
Written expression						
Oral expression						
Stability and maturity						
Potential for successful graduate work						
Potential as a teacher (if applicable)						
Potential as a research (if applicable)						

3. Recommendation: Considering this applicant's abilities, please indicate your recommendation:

_____ Recommend strongly
 _____ Recommend

_____ Recommend with reservation
 _____ Cannot recommend

4. Please add any comments that you feel will assist in evaluating the applicant's potential to pursue graduate study.

Name of Referee (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

City, state, zip code: _____

Phone number: _____

Return this recommendation directly to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.



**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP/FELLOWSHIP**

This section is to be completed by student. Please type or print.

US Citizen: yes or no (please circle one)

Name: Mr/Ms _____ **Phone:** (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Current Address: _____ **SS#:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Student #: _____ **Semester Admitted:** _____ **College:** _____ **Dept:** _____

Education:

College/University	Location	Dates Attended	Degree/Major

Work Experience:

Employer	Location	Dates	Position

Academic Honors/Professional Activities:

Special Skills or Areas of Expertise:

References:

Name	Title	Address	Telephone

It is the responsibility of the student to contact the listed references and arrange to have letters of recommendation sent to the Department Chair by the departmental application deadline. (Deadlines vary with department.)

How will this graduate assistantship further your career goals?

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return form to Departmental Office

Checklist for Applicants

- Have you accumulated and sent, as a packet, the following materials directly to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology?
 - Completed Application Form
 - Application Fee of \$85
 - Official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all colleges and universities attended
 - Three recommendations in sealed envelopes
 - One page Letter of Intent
 - Application for Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship (optional)

- Have you completed the GRE and arranged for the scores to be sent directly to the University?