

## UG Resources, Requirements & Graduate School Information

### **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**

- Explore ASHA's website: <http://www.asha.org/>

### **National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)**

- Join NSSLHA
- View the website at <http://www.asha.org/members/nsslha/>

### **Advisement**

- Meet with your advisor at least one time per semester
- Review Degree Works before your meeting <http://registrar.buffalostate.edu/students>

### **Coursework**

#### **ASHA Requirements**

- 3 credits in Biology: any BIO 100–400 courses
- 3 credits in Chemistry or Physics: any CHE or PHY 100–400;
  - Recommended: PHY 103 - Understanding Sound
- 3 credits in Social/Behavioral Science: fulfilled by SPF 202 or SPF 302
- 3 credits in Math: Recommended: MAT 311 or PSY 306 (BSC requirement for graduate curriculum)

#### **Recommended Electives**

- SLP 400- Language and Literacy for Speech-Language Pathologists (*when offered*)
- LIB 100- Introduction to Library Research
- CIS 101- Computer Fundamentals
- PSY 330-01-The Psychological Power of Language (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 388-01-Psychology of Death and Dying (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 310-Behavior Modification (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 327-Adult Development and Aging (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 356-Child Development (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 357 Adolescent and Young Adult Development (PSY 101 pre-req)

**Total Credits:** Stay on track for 120 credits, 33 upper division

#### **Minor:**

- Not a requirement. Consider: Psychology, Spanish, Biology, Art Therapy
- <http://collegerelations.buffalostate.edu/buffalo-state-undergraduate-minor-programs>

#### **Help with Coursework/GPA:**

- Talk to your professor
- Join a study group
- Visit the Writing Center or Academic Skills Center  
<http://academic-support.buffalostate.edu/academic-skills-center>
- Reduce work hours
- Take electives pass/fail

## Graduation

- Apply for May graduation around February. Obtain graduation form and deadline at: <http://registrar.buffalostate.edu/graduation-preparation-0>

## Graduate School Information

- **GPA:** Maintain a high GPA. You need 3.0 to qualify for almost all SLP graduate programs. You will have a better chance if 3.3 and much better if 3.5
- **Accredited Programs:** Research accredited programs and application requirements at <http://www.asha.org/edfind/>
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Obtain letters of recommendation, remembering that *graduate schools have different requirements for number of letters and qualifications of letter writers*. Ask faculty members to write letters for you toward the end of the **fall semester of your senior year**.
- **Application Deadlines and Procedures:** Apply to graduate school(s) during the winter break of your senior year, remembering that *graduate schools have different application procedures and deadlines*.
- **Graduate Record Exam (GRE):** Prepare for and take the GRE **prior** to applying to graduate school, as you will need these results to apply: <http://www.ets.org/gre/>

## Get Help!! Career Development Center (CDC)

- The CDC can help with resumes, graduate school applications, reference file, writing cover letters and career choice: <http://cdc.buffalostate.edu/> or (716) 878-5811

## NYS Teacher Certification Examinations

- You will need to take various NYS Teacher Certification Examinations, which can be taken during the summer *following* graduation. For more information: <http://teachercertification.buffalostate.edu/>

## What If Grad School in SLP is not a good fit for me?

- Research careers and employment outlook at: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/occupation-finder.htm>
- Talk to a counselor at the Career Development Center
- Other [degrees/occupations](#) to consider:
  - Rehabilitation Counselor
  - Social Worker
  - Mental Health Counselor
  - Adult Education
  - Teaching
  - Employment Services (i.e., Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Career Counselor, Job Coach)
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Art/Music/Dance Therapist
  - Recreation Therapist
  - School Counselor
  - Guidance Counselor
  - College Student Affairs Professional
  - Probation/Parole Officer
  - Literacy Specialist