

## UG Resources, Requirements & Graduate School Information

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

- Explore ASHA's website: [ASHA Homepage](#)

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

- Join the Buffalo State Chapter of NSSLHA
- View the website at [NSSLHA homepage](#)

### **National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH)**

- Join the Buffalo State Chapter of NBASLH
- View the website at [NBASLH](#)

### **Advisement**

- Meet with your professional and/or academic advisor at least one time per semester
- Attend group advisement once per semester
- Review your Degree Works worksheet before your meeting [How to Access Degree Works](#)

### **Coursework Required by ASHA:**

#### **ASHA Prerequisite Course Content Areas**

- 3 credits in Biology  
Recommended: BIO 100 or BIO 101
- 3 credits in Chemistry or Physics  
Recommended: PHY 100, PHY 103, or CHE 100
- 3 credits in Social/Behavioral Science: fulfilled by SPF 202 or SPF 302
- 3 credits in Statistics  
Recommended: MAT 311

### **Recommended Electives**

- ANT 101      Understanding Culture
- ATS 320      Introduction to Art and Therapy
- EDU 211      Introduction to Literacy
- EXE 306      Behavior Management
- LIB 100      Introduction to Library Research
- CIS 101      Computer Fundamentals
- PSY 330      The Psychological Power of Language
- PSY 388      Psychology of Death and Dying
- PSY 327      Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 333      Brain and Behavior
- PSY 356      Child Development
- PSY 357      Adolescent and Young Adult Development
- SLP 101      American Sign Language I
- SLP 201      American Sign Language II

**Total Credits:** Stay on track for 120 credits, 45 upper division

**Minors:** [Undergraduate Minors at a Glance](#)

- Not required.
- Consider: Psychology, Spanish, Biology, Art Therapy

**Help with Coursework/GPA:**

- See your professor during office hours
- Join a study group
- Visit the Writing Center, Academic Skills Center and Sign up for Free Tutoring:  
[Academic Success](#)
- Reduce work hours
- Take electives pass/fail, per policy guidelines below:  
[Undergraduate Grading Policy](#)

**Graduation:** Remember to apply for graduation: [Graduation Preparation](#)

**Graduate School Information**

- **GPA:** Maintain a high GPA. You need at least a 3.0 to qualify for *most* SLP graduate programs.
- **Accredited Programs:** Research accredited programs and application requirements at [ASHA Program Directory](#)
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Obtain letters of recommendation, remembering that *graduate programs have different requirements for the number of letters and qualifications of letter writers*. Ask your course instructors 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):** The graduate SLP program at Buffalo State University does not require GRE scores, however some programs do. Prepare for and take the GRE **prior** to applying to graduate school, if scores are required for the schools to which you will apply: [GRE information](#)

**Get Help!! Career and Professional Education Office (CAPE)**

- CAPE offers many services to students, including resume writing, interviewing skills, graduate school application support and guidance in choosing careers: [CAPE homepage](#)

**What If Graduate School in SLP is not a good fit for me?**

- Research careers and employment outlook at: [U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- Meet with a career counselor at CAPE [Career & Professional Education \(buffalostate.edu\)](#)
- Other possible career choices:
  - Teacher or Literacy Specialist
  - Art, Music, Dance, or Recreation Therapist
  - Career Counselor or Job Coach
  - School Counselor or Guidance Counselor
  - College Student Affairs Professional
  - Rehabilitation Counselor

- Social Worker
- Mental Health Counselor
- Occupational Therapist