Western Michigan University’s Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.) program is consistently ranked among the top 50 programs of its kind in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. It is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The program offers dynamic and varied clinical partnerships in on-campus specialty clinics and within the southwest Michigan community and beyond.

Students have the opportunity to work with recognized faculty scholars on research grants and projects related to production and perception of normal and disordered speech, language and literacy, social communication, and patient outcomes.

Founder Dr. Charles Van Riper was known world-wide for his pioneering, innovative treatment for stuttering; his legacy of compassion is evident in the support and encouragement current faculty offer students.

A comprehensive curriculum exposes students to the breadth and depth of the profession, allowing them to develop knowledge and essential skills in clinical service provision, research, and interprofessionalism.

Students have several job prospects after graduation, including those in clinical settings, elementary and secondary schools, private practice, federal/state/local government and administration, and speech and hearing centers.
Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
Faculty members receive prestigious federal grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Institute of Educational Sciences, and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. Faculty excellence is also reflected in numerous national awards and notable WMU awards for distinguished research and service. Areas of expertise include: assessment measures of social communication and pragmatic language skills of preschool children; aspects of intervention effectiveness for different populations of children and adults with speech and co-occurring language impairment; and improved understanding of the motor processes that underlie normal and disordered speech and voice production.

The Master of Arts with an emphasis in speech-language pathology is a two-year post-baccalaureate professional degree. The program’s mission is to educate speech, language, and hearing professionals for a diverse and changing population; to advance knowledge through research; to deliver quality clinical services; and to serve as a resource for the community and the professions.

Admissions
A typical applicant must submit the WMU online graduate application and apply directly to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service. Applications for graduate fall enrollment are due by January 15, and competitive GRE scores are required. Please visit wmich.edu/speech-audiology for detailed admission requirements and instructions.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Graduate assistantship/associateship positions—and scholarships and financial aid—may be available. Interested individuals should contact program advising.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 30 doctoral and 70 master’s degrees. More than 20 percent of its 24,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.