



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Jackson College

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## Western Michigan University Speech Pathology and Audiology Transfer Guide

### Introduction:

- The undergraduate program is pre-professional in nature and is designed to prepare students for graduate professional education in speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech sciences;
- Since the bachelor degree does not qualify the student for professional employment, students should plan for enrollment in a graduate degree program upon graduation;
- Students who desire to major in speech pathology and audiology will declare a major in pre-speech pathology and audiology at the time of admission to the University;
- Admission to a graduate program typically requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the undergraduate major, as well as in the undergraduate coursework (cumulative GPA);
- Completion of the undergraduate major in speech pathology and audiology does not guarantee a student's admission into WMU's or any other university's graduate program;
- In February of the sophomore year students must submit an application for the speech pathology and audiology major (SPNJ). Admission is granted to those applicants with the highest GPAs in the courses required for application;
- We recommend that transfer students enroll at WMU at the beginning of the first semester of the sophomore year. Those who enroll later may find that an additional period of study will be required to complete the undergraduate curriculum;
- Students interested in this major should contact the advising office within the College of Health and Human Services for an appointment with an undergraduate advisor. Because the sequencing of courses included in this major is critically important, students must seek academic advising on an early and regular basis.

### Admission requirements for the major in Speech Pathology and Audiology:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all coursework post high school;
- Minimum grade of B (3.0) in both of the following courses (or their equivalents):
  - SPPA 2000 - Communication Disorders and Sciences
  - ENGL 1050 - Thought and Writing
- Minimum grade of C (2.0) in the following courses or their equivalents:
  - BIOS 1120 - Principles of Biology or BIOS 1600 or 2110
  - PHYS 1070/1080 - Elementary Physics and lab or PHYS 1130 and 1140
  - STAT 1600 - Statistics and Data Analysis or STAT 3660

- Documented observation (minimum of five to ten hours) of a practicing speech-language pathologist or audiologist;
- Documented volunteer experience (minimum of five to ten hours) in a healthcare or educational setting;
- Applicants should submit current transcripts with completed application no later than February 1 to be considered for admission to the undergraduate program for the fall semester of that calendar year. Please visit the WMU Speech Pathology and Audiology department website for information;
- The application process is competitive, which means that the GPA should be as high as possible. Only the top applicants (**45 – 50 per year**) will be admitted to the major each fall semester.

**Courses that can be taken at Jackson:**

**WMU courses**

BIOS 1120 or 1600 or 2110

ENGL 1050

MATH 1160 or 1180

STAT 1600 or 3660

PHYS 1070/1080 or 1130/1140

PSY 1000

Social behavioral science elective

(ANTH 2100, PSY 1600, 2500 or SOC 2000)

**Jackson equivalent courses**

BIO 110 or 253

ENG 131 or 131A

MAT 135 or 141

MAT 133

PHY 231

PSY 140

PSY 245 or 252 or 251 or SOC 231

**General education requirements:**

- Please refer to WMU's [general education transfer guide](#);
- Additional requirements include coursework in supporting courses outside the department and an academic minor. Each student is responsible for obtaining advising about degree requirements and for taking the steps necessary to meet those requirements;
- Students who seek a career as a teacher of the speech and language impaired in the public schools (in states that require teacher certification for such employment) must complete an undergraduate professional education minor and earn a master's degree in speech-language pathology;
- Assistance in choosing the appropriate minor, for all students in this major, is available through the college undergraduate advisor.

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