Flowchart for the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Speech Pathology and Audiology – Master’s Program

Admission to the Program

Faculty Advisor is assigned

Complete Prerequisites if Applicable

Complete the First Year of Coursework Including:

Fall Year 1
- SPPA 6140, 6190, 6370, 6460, 6530, 6700

Spring Year 1
- SPPA 6400, 6405, 6430, 6570, 6700

If Electing to do a Thesis:
- Begin enrollment in SPPA 7000: Master’s Thesis in the Spring or Summer of Year 1

See Thesis Process alongside Summer and Second Year Coursework.

Complete the Summer and Second Year Coursework

If Thesis Option chosen, complete the Thesis Process concurrently with the Summer and Second Year Coursework.

Summer I Year 1
- SPPA 6010, 6690, 6700
Summer II Year 1
- SPPA 6470, 6560, 6700

Fall Year 2
- SPPA 6425, 6440, 6450
- Begin SPPA 7120: Professional Field Experience (4 credits)

Spring Year 2
- SPPA 6150*, 6480
- Continue SPPA 7120 (4 credits) or Begin SPPA 6710 (6 credits)
- * If electing to do a Master’s Thesis, you may not have to take SPPA 6150.

Thesis Process (if chosen)

- Continue Enrollment in SPPA 7000: Master’s Thesis
- Total of 6 Credit Hours

Submit Notification of Appointment to Thesis Committee form

Present the Thesis Proposal
Submit Thesis Proposal Approval form

Obtain HSIRB Approval (If Required)

Defend the Thesis
Submit Thesis Approval form and Thesis Check-in Form

Degree Requirements met with a minimum of 63 Credit Hours

Graduation

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1. Obtain Admission to the Program
2. Faculty Advisor Assigned
3. Complete Prerequisites if Applicable
4. Complete the First Year of coursework including:
   **Fall Year 1**
   - SPPA 6140: Linguistic Analysis & Technology in Communication Disorders (1 credit)
   - SPPA 6190: Quantitative Descriptions in Communications Disorders (1 credit)
   - SPPA 6370: Speech Sound Disorders (2 credits)
   - SPPA 6460: Language Acquisition and Communication across the Lifespan (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6530: Diagnosis & Appraisal (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6700: Clinical Practicum (3 credits)

   **Spring Year 1**
   - SPPA 6400: Voice Disorders (2 credits – 8 weeks)
   - SPPA 6405: Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Disorders (2 credits – 8 weeks)
   - SPPA 6430: Aphasia in Adults (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6570: Disordered Language Development (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6700: Clinical Practicum (3 credits)

   If Electing to do a Thesis:
   - Begin enrollment in SPPA 7000: Master’s Thesis in the Spring or Summer of Year 1

5. Complete the Summer and Second Year Coursework
   **Summer I Year 1**
   - SPPA 6010: Advanced Speech Science (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6690: Ethics, Counseling & Professionalism (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6700: Clinical Practicum (2 credits)

   **Summer II Year 1**
   - SPPA 6470: Cognitive Communication Disorders (2 credits)
   - SPPA 6560: Dysphagia (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6700: Clinical Practicum (2 credits)

   **Fall Year 2**
   - SPPA 6425: Stuttering and Other Fluency Disorders (2 credits)
   - SPPA 6440: Motor Speech Disorders (3 credits)
   - SPPA 6450: Augmentative & Alternative Communication (3 credits)
   - SPPA 7120: Professional Field Experience (4 credits)

   **Spring Year 2**
   - SPPA 6150: Research Methods in Sp/Lang/Aud (3 credits)**
   - SPPA 6480: Cultural Competence for Communication Scientists (3 credits)
   - SPPA 7120: Professional Field Experience (4 credits) or
     SPPA 6710: School Internship in Speech-Language Pathology (6 credits)

   **If you elect to do a Master’s Thesis (SPPA 7000, 4-6 credits), you may not have to take this course. Depending on your topic, research and/or involvement in specific areas of the discipline, elective or other courses may be waived if approved by your advisor.**

6. Graduation
   **Master’s Thesis, If elected (The Thesis Process shall be done concurrently with the Summer and Second Year Coursework.)**
   - Continue Enrollment in SPPA 7000: Master’s Thesis (Total of 6 credit hours)
   - Submit the Thesis Committee Appointment Form to the Graduate College
   - Present the Thesis Proposal
   - Submit Thesis Proposal Approval Form
   - Obtain HSIRB Approval (if required)
   - Defend the Thesis
   - Submit the Thesis Approval form to the Graduate College