Speech-language pathology programming at Western Michigan University dates from 1936, when Dr. Charles Van Riper came from the University of Iowa to establish a speech clinic and develop a curriculum in speech correction. This program was one of the nation’s earliest clinics for the study and treatment of speech disorders and the preparation of “speech correctionists.”

Dr. Van Riper was recognized worldwide for his pioneering, innovative treatment for stuttering. Graduate level study began some 20 years later, and in 1966, WMU’s graduate program became the first in Michigan, and one of the first six in the nation, to gain national accreditation.

Students have the option of selecting the Master of Arts in Speech Pathology (M.A.) or the Post-Baccalaureate prerequisite sequence in speech-language pathology, a special program designed for individuals who have earned an undergraduate degree in an area other than communication disorders and wish to prepare for future graduate study in speech-language pathology or audiology.

Our 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.

**Points of Pride**

- Ranked consistently among the top 50 programs of its kind in the nation by U.S. News & World Report
- Accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Offers dynamic and varied clinical partnerships in on-campus specialty clinics and within the southwest Michigan community and beyond
- Provides students with the opportunity to work with recognized faculty scholars on research grants and projects
- Supports rich educational opportunities for student clinicians through the delivery of services to a wide range of clients at the WMU Charles Van Riper Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic

**Professional Highlights**

The department boasts a 97 percent three-year average program completion rate, a 100 percent three-year Praxis exam pass rate, and a 100 percent three-year employment rate for graduates in the profession.

The median salary for a speech-language pathologist is $66,920. The profession is ranked in the top-25 best careers, with projected growth over the next seven to 10 years.
Speech-Language Pathology

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 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.

Funding
Graduate assistantship/associateship positions, scholarships and financial aid may be available. Interested students should contact program advising.

Admission
Applicants must first complete the application through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (csdas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux) and then the graduate student application (wmich.edu/apply/graduate).

Applicants are admitted for the fall semester only.
Fall 2018 Deadline: Jan. 15, 2018

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Western Michigan University est. 1903
Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America’s best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly $52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.