

Early Decision Pathway for High School Seniors and First Year SAU Students

The Early Decision Pathway for the St. Ambrose University Master Speech-Language Pathology (MSLP) program is for high school seniors and first year students wanting to continue at SAU for their master's degree in speech-language pathology. By starting at St. Ambrose as an undergraduate student, you'll have the advantage of a seamless transition from undergraduate to graduate education. You'll also have two academic advisors: one for your undergraduate major and one in the MSLP program.

High School Seniors Early Decision MSLP Pathway Requirements

- Attain a minimum of 3.0/4.0 unweighted high school GPA
- Be accepted as a first-year student at St. Ambrose University.
- Email the following to mslp@sau.edu
 - A personal statement describing your interest in speech-language pathology
 - A letter of reference from a high school teacher or employer
 - Documentation of at least 6 hours of observation with a nationally certified speech-language pathologist(s). This can be a letter from the person your observed.
- Undergraduate majors that provide a strong foundation for the MSLP Program are Psychology, Behavioral Neuropsychology, Elementary or Secondary Education, Early Childhood Education with a Special Education Endorsement, Spanish, English, Communication, Biology, Social Work, Sociology as well as Exercise Science and Fitness. This is not an exhaustive list.

First Year Early Decision MSLP Pathway Requirements

- Attain a 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of your second semester of college
- Complete 6 hours of observation with a nationally certified speech-language pathologist
- Prepare a personal statement describing your interest in speech-language pathology
- Submit all required materials by August 1 to mslp@sau.edu

Requirements for Maintaining Early Decision Eligibility

In order to progress to the Master of Speech-Language Pathology program, undergraduate students must meet the following requirements:

- Complete undergraduate coursework with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Note: All college coursework, including college courses completed at other institutions, will be included in cumulative GPA calculations.
- Complete the 7 classes required for the minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a 3.3 cumulative GPA.
- Participate in semester advising meetings with your MSLP program advisor
- Complete a second application for the MSLP Program. This application is due February 1st of your senior year in college. Students apply through the Centralized Application Service for Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDCAS).
<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.org/>
- Document 25 hours of observing a nationally certified speech-language pathologist prior to starting the MSLP program.
- Meet all prerequisite class requirements needed for regular admission to the MSLP program.

- 1) General Education Content Areas – completion of at least one course in each of the content areas below with a grade of 'C' or better.
 - Biology
 - Physics or Chemistry
 - Statistics
 - Social Science

- 2) Coursework for a minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders – completion of required coursework with cumulative GPA of 3.3
 - EDCOMM-325 Intro Speech Pathology
 - MSLP 400 - Phonetics (pre-requisite for MSLP 420)
 - MSLP 420 - Articulation and Phonological Disorders
 - MSLP 410 - Neurology, Anatomy, and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
 - MSLP 430 - Speech and Hearing Science
 - MSLP 450 - Language Development and Disorders
 - MSLP 440 - Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation