



## WHO IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are professionals educated in the study of human communication, its development and disorders. By assessing the speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing skills of children and adults, the speech-language pathologist determines what communication or swallowing challenges exist and the best way to treat them. Speech-language pathology is a young and rapidly growing profession in Canada and offers an excellent opportunity for the individual who enjoys working closely with people and who finds the study of human communication and its disorders intrinsically interesting.

SLPs are involved in the use of a wide variety of diagnostic procedures, as well as collaboration with other health and related professionals. Areas of focus include disorders of:

- Developmental language
- Neurogenic speech and language
- Fluency, voice and hearing
- Articulation/phonology
- Swallowing
- Alternative and augmentative communication

## WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

In preparing your application to the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Toronto, there are six specific requirements that you must fulfill. Admission to the program is determined on the basis of these. Please visit [www.slp.utoronto.ca](http://www.slp.utoronto.ca) and <https://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/> for additional details and application deadlines. These requirements include:

1. A four-year undergraduate degree
2. Completion of the prerequisite courses with a minimum of a **B+** in each course including:
  - Child development (one half-course)
  - Elementary statistics (one half-course)
  - General linguistics (one half-course)
  - Human physiology (one full-course)
  - Phonetics (one half-course)
  - Research design (one half-course)
3. A minimum of 14 hours of clinical experience in a communication disorders setting supervised by a certified speech-language pathologist
4. Two academic references
5. A clinical reference from the supervisor of your volunteer speech-language pathology experience
6. A statement of intent
7. A minimum of a mid-B in the final year of undergraduate level study [most applicants have a sub-Grade Point Average (based on the 10 most recent full course equivalents or 20 half-credits) in the A range]

## QUESTIONS

- Web: [www.slp.utoronto.ca](http://www.slp.utoronto.ca)
- E-mail: [slp.admissions@utoronto.ca](mailto:slp.admissions@utoronto.ca)
- Phone: (416) 978-1794
- Application: [www.ouac.on.ca/orpas](http://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas) (starting in October)
- Attend an information seminar: <http://www.slp.utoronto.ca/why-u-of-t/information-session/>



## **WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO?**

The Master of Health Science (MHSc) program has received a full seven-year accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Canadian University Programs in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology (CACUP-ASLP). There are a number of additional factors that distinguish the University of Toronto from other speech-language pathology programs. Some of these highlights include:

### **1. AN OUTSTANDING AND LEADING EDGE CURRICULUM**

- The MHSc curriculum is demanding, innovative and seamlessly integrated across academic and clinical modules
- Academic units are directly followed by clinical courses in the same content area, a feature that is unique in North America and helps to ensure that you are successful and confident in clinical placements
- You will receive additional hands-on experience during integrated learning experiences (ILEs) that address clinical cases or clinical experiences in the academic units
- You will be connected to your professors and colleagues during clinical placements by participating in teaching clinics, where you will discuss in small groups with SLP facilitators to further your learning
- You will participate in a unique, highly regarded interprofessional education curriculum for the 11 health sciences professions at the University of Toronto that will make you collaborative-practice ready for your first job

### **2. SUPPORTIVE AND EXTENSIVE CLINICAL PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Your clinical placements are supervised by over 300 experienced and committed clinical educators who are leaders in their practice areas and often conduct and present research
- Your clinical placements take place in a wide variety of sites (e.g., hospitals, schools, and private practice)
- The Department of Speech-Language Pathology arranges your clinical placements with consultation and preferences reviewed in the process
- The Department of Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Toronto has close interactions with seven fully-affiliated teaching hospitals and 17 community-affiliated hospitals, that represent many of Canada's largest and finest clinical and public health facilities
- You may also have the option to participate in placement opportunities beyond Canada's borders such as India, Trinidad and Kenya

### **3. GRADUATE AS A WORK-READY PROFESSIONAL**

- As a graduate of the MHSc program, you are eligible to register with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO)
- As a graduate of the MHSc program, you are eligible to write the clinical certification exam with Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC)

### **4. A STRONG FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A PHD**

- Internationally recognized, ground-breaking research is conducted by faculty
- We have close relationships with the speech-language pathology community in both education and research
- You have the opportunity to complete a PhD and become a clinician-researcher after the MHSc program