

PRE-COMMUNICATIVE SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

(Formerly Speech-Language Pathology)

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Degree Requirements for students seeking matriculation to Loma Linda University:

1. If you plan to attend another university, please visit the Office of Pre-Health Professions early so that we can assist you in meeting all requirements.
2. **G.P.A:** Applicants should have a minimum of a 3.0. Pre-foundational English and **C minus (C-)** grades are not transferable.
3. **Application to Loma Linda:** Apply online at <http://www.llu.edu/iu/sahp/appform.htm>
4. **Deadline:** Apply before March.
5. **Speech-Language Pathology MS:** Admission to the program requires a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.
6. **Transitional MS:** This program is designed for applicants who have a Bachelors degree in any discipline other than Speech-Language Pathology. Additional pre-requisite coursework beyond the bachelor's degree is not required prior to entering this program.

	Domain/Course(s)	Units
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101A & 101B)	2
	Domain 1: Religion and Humanities: Minimum of 24 units	
	Religion Course: One religion course for every year of attendance at an SDA school. (Max. 8 units)	8
	Humanities: 3 subject areas Art/Music (Performing arts limited to 4 qtr. units) (ARTA 205 or MUHL 205) Literature, Philosophy (ENGL 224, 246; PHIL 204, 208) History (HIST 105, HPSC 104, 106) Language: Any language including American Sign Language	16
	Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry and Analysis: Minimum of 24 units.	
	Natural Sciences: Minimum of 12 units in two areas	
	Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 131 & Lab) (recommended)	5
	Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 132 & Lab) (recommended)	5
	Introduction to Physics (PHYS 117 & Lab) (Strongly recommended)	4
	2 years High school Algebra with a C or better OR Intermediate Algebra (MATH 007)	4
	Select additional courses from: Biology, Physics, Math, Chemistry	
	Social Sciences: Minimum of 12 units in two areas	
	General Psychology (PSYC 104)	4
	Developmental Psychology (PSYC 234)	4
	Select additional courses from: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science	
	Domain 3: Communication: Minimum of 12 units	
	College Writing I (ENGL 111)	3
	College Writing II (ENGL 112)	3
	College Writing III (ENGL 113)	3
	Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 104) OR Interpersonal Communication (COMM 244)	4
	Required: Intro to Speech Pathology (SPPA 284): Winter quarter only. Online course through Loma Linda University	3
	Domain 4: Health and Wellness	
	Nutrition Theory and Practice (HLED 225) OR Dimensions of Health (HLED 214)	4
	Physical Education (2 activity courses)	1
	Domain 5: Electives: To meet a minimum of 96 quarter units	

The Office of Pre-Health Professions is dedicated to providing quality service to La Sierra University students, faculty and staff. Our primary goal is to address your pre-professional needs. As a service-based department, we accept walk-ins on a daily basis. We endeavor to answer all of your questions about careers in the health field; no question is too small for our attention. We are located in Palmer Hall, home of the Chemistry department and next door to the Thaine B. Price Science Complex.

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Career opportunities and related occupations: Speech-language pathologists treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. They use specialized instruments as well as written or oral tests to determine the nature and extent of impairment, and to record and analyze speech irregularities. For individuals with little or no speech, speech-language pathologists choose alternative communication systems, including automated devices and sign language, and teach their use.

Audiologists treat persons with hearing related disorders. They use audiometers and other testing devices to measure loudness and the level at which a person begins to hear sounds. They also measure the patient's ability to distinguish between sounds and extent of their hearing loss. Audiologists can work in clinical settings or in the field where they can test noise levels in workplaces and conduct hearing protection programs.

Many speech pathologists are employed in public schools. Other speech pathologists and most audiologists work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, college or community speech and hearing clinics, or in private practice.

Educational Qualifications: The Masters degree or its equivalent is required for the certificate of clinical competence and California licensing. In many states, credentials for working in schools are also required. Requirements for licensing and school credentials vary from state to state.

Job Opportunities: Jobs in the field of communicative sciences and disorders are expected to grow by 28% through the year 2014.

Salary: The national average income is \$58,000 and the average income for California is \$65,000. For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>

<p>Websites:</p> <p>La Sierra University: www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth</p> <p>Loma Linda University: www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/speech/bs_slp.html</p>	<p>Loma Linda University:</p> <p>Loma Linda University Department of communicative sciences and disorders School of Allied Health Professions Loma Linda, CA 92350 Phone: 909-558-4998</p>	<p>Professional Organizations:</p> <p>American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 10801 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 http://www.asha.org</p> <p>American Academy of Audiology 8201 Greensboro Dr., Ste. 300 McLean, VA 22102</p>
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