

## SLP Online Program and Clinical Summary

Our online program offers a unique opportunity for students to complete their academic coursework from the comfort of their own homes and their clinical courses in their communities. This innovative program is specifically designed for individuals residing in rural areas or those who have work or personal/family obligations that would make a traditional graduate program challenging.

With our program, all academic coursework is conducted entirely online, allowing students flexibility and convenience in managing their studies. Additionally, we are continuously striving to enhance the clinical experience for our students. Starting in the first summer of your first year, you will participate in a virtual clinical program. This program is designed to provide practical experience and prepare you for your off-campus clinical placement, which will take place in your home area starting in the fall of your second year.

The virtual clinical program allows you to gain valuable hands-on experience in a simulated clinical environment, enabling you to develop and refine your skills before transitioning to your off-campus placement. This virtual experience helps to bridge the gap between the academic coursework and the real-world clinical setting.

Once you have completed the virtual clinical program, you will be ready to apply your knowledge and skills in a practical setting during your off-campus placement. This placement will take place in your hometown area, providing you with the opportunity to work directly with clients and gain real-world experience under the supervision of qualified professionals.

By combining virtual clinical experiences and off-campus placements, our program ensures that you receive comprehensive training and exposure to various clinical scenarios, preparing you for a successful career in speech-language pathology.

In the final summer semester, students will complete an eight-week, full-time externship in their hometown area. This ensures that they have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world setting, while still remaining close to their support network.

It is important to note that the Online Master's Degree Program in Speech-Language Pathology is designed to be as similar as possible to the traditional campus program. We aim to provide students with a comprehensive and high-quality education tailored to meet their specific needs and circumstances.

We believe that this online program offers a valuable opportunity for aspiring speech-language pathologists to pursue their career goals while maintaining their personal and part-time professional commitments.

While our online program may be completed over three years, it is essential to note that it is not a part-time program. The academic coursework and clinical experiences require significant time commitment and dedication. As a result, it is recommended that students do not engage in full-time employment while enrolled in the program.

The rigorous nature of the coursework, as well as the clinical requirements, necessitate focused attention and effort to ensure academic success and the development of necessary clinical skills. By minimizing external work obligations, students can allocate sufficient time and energy to their studies and professional development, maximizing their learning experience and overall success in the program.

We understand that students may have personal or financial responsibilities, and we encourage open communication with our program advisors to explore options and resources that can help manage these commitments while maintaining the priority of their education.