The Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Texas at El Paso is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech, Language, Hearing Association. Admissions to the graduate program are limited by the resources available.

**Admission Requirements**

1. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution or equivalent degree at an international institution.
2. Minimum of 21 semester hours of upper-division undergraduate courses related to communication disorders.
3. Demonstration of academic achievement and potential as indicated by the results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and upper level undergraduate and graduate coursework (a minimum GPA of 3.0 in upper-division preparatory SPLP undergraduate courses).
4. Other evidence of background and experience that might be available.
5. A 550 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for international applicants.

Admission is competitive. The number of students admitted each semester is dependent on available program resources.

_NOTE:_ To engage in clinical practicums, which are a crucial element in the curriculum, students in Speech Language Pathology must pass a background check. Therefore, applicants accepted to Speech Language Pathology will be required to undergo and pass a background check prior to matriculation. Applicants will be responsible for the costs in obtaining a background check report.

**Degree Requirements**

Majors in Speech-Language Pathology must complete the following:

Comprehensive written project and oral examinations are required for students who choose not to write a thesis. Students who write a thesis are required to defend the thesis in an oral examination. Students who choose to write a thesis must enroll in SPLP 5398 and SPLP 5399.

**Grade Criteria**

1. A D or F grade in any graduate course will result in immediate dismissal from the graduate program and no reconsideration of the student for readmission will be taken.
2. No more than two (2) C grades will be permitted. A third C grade will lead to immediate dismissal from the graduate program and no reconsideration of the student for readmission will be taken. If a C grade is earned, it must be matched with an A grade in a course within the program’s required SPLP courses, and this must be accomplished the semester (fall/spring/summer) immediately following the semester the C was earned.

36 semester credit hours of graduate academic coursework and five semesters of clinical practicum for completion of Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology: Total Graduating Hours: 51 credit hours

Graduate electives may be taken in and outside the Program with advisor's approval. With the thesis option, an oral defense is required. With non-thesis option a capstone research paper and an oral comprehensive examination are required.

All coursework used to meet M.S. degree requirements (above) must be completed with one six-year period prior to the M.S. degree award.

**Academic Program and Expectations**

Copies of the Graduate Studies Catalog are available for $1 on campus or $3.50 for a mailed copy. For additional information on the academic program and expectations, contact the Graduate Advisor in Speech-Language Pathology,

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**Degree Plan**

Required Credits: 51
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**Practicum:**

Select 15 hours of the following:

- SPLP 5369  Grad Prac SPLP Univ
- SPLP 5379  Grad Prac in SPLP Schl Setting
- SPLP 5389  Grad Pract in SPLP Hosp/Agen

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