



VANDERBILT®
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

| Hearing and Speech Sciences

Specialty Training Track: Medical Speech-Language Pathology for 5- and 6-Semester Students

The Medical SLP track offers specialty medical speech-language pathology training to students interested in pursuing a career in medical settings such as acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, tertiary voice clinics, outpatient swallowing clinics, etc. The medical coursework within the Masters in Speech-Language Pathology Program offers a foundation for students to build on through additional required courses and opportunities included in this specialty track. Students on the Medical Speech-Language Pathology Track may not be on another specialty track, with the exception of the Thesis Option.

Students enrolled in the MS-SLP master's program are required to complete at least 5 semesters of coursework and complete a 10-week clinical or research externship.

Medical Speech-Language Pathology Specialty Track Required Electives:

- The Medical SLP Seminar Series (2 credits total)
- Advanced Medical SLP Instrumentation and Evaluation (1 credit)

Specialized Clinical Practicum:

- Students on the specialty track will participate in a 3-week full-time Maymester OR a 2-week full-time August clinical placement in a medical setting, continuing into/from their standard summer clinical placement schedule in the same setting (1 credit).
- Students will participate in advanced clinical training workshops related to perceptual evaluation of speech and voice disorders.
- Students will participate in advanced clinical training workshops related to cough and swallowing assessment & treatment.

Other Program Opportunities:

- Participation in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Medical SLP Conference
- Participation in the Vanderbilt Voice Center's Annual Strobe Course
- Opportunities for placement in medical speech pathology research laboratories
- Participation in and attendance at support groups housed on VUMC's campus for individuals with medical speech-pathology-related diagnoses
- Participation in interprofessional practice via multidisciplinary clinics and attending grand rounds

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<https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/hearing-speech/msslp/specialty>

Medical Speech-Language Pathology Specialty Track Program of Study

Courses Required		Course Name/Hours
All SLP Students	Medical SLP Specialty Track	
FALL - YEAR 1		
X		Physiological Bases of Comm. (4 hrs.)
X		Child Lang Impairment I: Nature (2 hrs.)
X		Clin Principles and Procedures (2 hrs.)
X		Speech Sound Disorders (3 hrs.)
X		Phonetic Science (1 hr.)
X		Language Science (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
SPRING - YEAR 1		
X		Child Lang Impairment II: Assessment (2 hr.)
X		Child Language Impairment III: Intervention (2 hrs.)
X		Traumatic Brain Injury (2 hrs.)
X		Dysphagia (3 hrs.)
X		Aphasia (3 hrs.)
X		Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
MAYMESTER – YEAR 1		
	X	Medical Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)

Courses Required		Course Name/Hours
All SLP Students	Medical SLP Specialty Track	
SUMMER - YEAR 1		
X		Motor Speech Disorders (2 hrs.)
	optional	Ped Feeding & Swallow (1 hr.)
X		Craniofacial Disorders (1 hr.)
X		Voice Disorders (2 hrs.)
X		Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
	Elective open to all, required for MedSLP	Seminar in Medical Speech Path. I (1 hr.)
FALL - YEAR 2		
X		Research in Communication Sc. & Dis. (2 hrs.)
X		Acoustics and Perception (3 hrs.)
X		Stuttering (3 hrs.)
X		Augmentative/Alternative Communication (3 hrs.)
X		Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
	Elective open to all, required for MedSLP	Seminar In Medical Speech Path. II (1 hr.)
	X	Advanced SLP Instrumentation (1 hr.)
SPRING - YEAR 2		
X		Externship (10 weeks - 6 hrs.)
X		Professional Issues (4 weeks - 1 hr.)
X		Fam Ctrd Counseling/Inter (4 weeks - 1 hr.)