

CHECKLIST FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS REGARDING ULM'S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & GRADUATE SCHOOL

* Please note that this is an **overview**, for detailed information and processes please refer to the ULM website at <http://www.ulm.edu/> and search the appropriate departments or visit <http://www.ulm.edu/slp/> and <http://www.ulm.edu/gradschool/>

Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Application Process (check off each portion when completed):

- Take the GRE** - (GRE General Test) and designate the University of Louisiana at Monroe as a score recipient well before the deadline. Go to <http://www.ets.org/gre>. GRE scores must be within the last 2 years of your semester you are applying. In other words, scores over 2 years old are not accepted and you need to re-take the exam.

- Carefully Review All Requirements** - by the ULM Graduate School regarding the application process, including required fees and official transcripts from **ALL** universities attended.

- \$55 Application Fee** - submit a **non-refundable** payment over the phone, by credit card, to La Capitol FCU, by calling (318) 342-5130, keep the confirmation number for your records. A copy is sent to the SPLP program.

- Complete the SLPM Application** - mail entire application, reference letters, letter of intent, and a copy of your payment receipt or the confirmation number to: Dr. David Irwin, Professor and Program Director, Speech-Language Pathology, The University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Sugar Hall #155, Monroe, LA 71209-0321.

- Letter of Intent** - A 1-2 page single-spaced document. Include your goals, strengths, weaknesses, list of accomplishments, previous experiences with the disabled, and other pertinent information. Address it to the Graduate Admissions Committee and have your full name and phone contact number.

- Three reference Letters** - The letters can be mailed in separately however, they must be received before the deadline or the application will not be considered. They should be sealed with the signature across the seal of the envelope. Forms within the application packet may be used. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that all three references have been received. E-mail Janice Bice, Administrative Coordinator 2, bice@ulm.edu to follow up on your application. Phone 318.342.1392.

- Graduate Assistantship Application** - You may send the GA application in with your program application. This in no way means that you will receive an assistantship but, you will be placed in the file to be considered for an assistantship. Our assistantships are limited based on budget. Graduate assistantships are held with the SLP

program and other departments at ULM. Be sure you complete the three (3) Recommendation Forms for the GA that is on the website and mail to the SPLP program. **You CANNOT utilize the same letters/forms that you submitted to the SPLP program. However, you can use the same references.**

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

*** DEADLINES:**

Fall - February 25th, program typically admits 20, receives an average of 105 completed applications

Spring - September 25th, program typically admits 5, receives an average of 40 completed applications

*** REQUIRED SCORES:**

GPA - 3.0 (on a 4 point scale), program average 3.5

GRE - minimum is 286 / 800 on the old scale, competitive is 291 / 900 on old scale, program average is 290 / 910 old Scale.

The M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology is competitive and selective. Only completed applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee and, all aspects of the SLPM and the Graduate School are taken into consideration. To ensure timely receipt and verification of information, applicants are encouraged to apply well before the deadline. **Any aspect of either application process that is received after the deadline will NOT be considered or will therefore, cause the application to be incomplete.** Verify the status of your application with Dr. David Irwin, CCC-SLP, Professor and Program Director at 318.342.3190 or irwin@ulm.edu

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS (check off each portion when completed):

Review Carefully All Requirements of The Graduate School Application Process - The graduate school has an online application at <http://www.ulm.edu/gradschool/applyonline.html>. Be sure to choose the correct application.

\$40 Application Fee (\$40 International Student) - Pay the application fee online at the site above or, if you are sending a paper application, you will need to pay the fee to La Capitol Credit Union (make sure the **graduate school account** is credited with your payment). If a paper application and payment is made then you may mail your application to: Graduate School Admissions, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Hanna Hall # 241, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209-0600 or, you may fax the application and receipt to (318)342-1042. The application will NOT be processed without the receipt for the application fee.

Complete the Application for Graduate School - An online application can be found at the site above or, a paper application can be completed; follow the instructions under application fee if a paper application is required. *If you are an **international student** follow the link above for **additional admission requirements (note there are different deadlines associated with requirements/application for international students)**.

☐ **Send Official Transcripts** - An **official** transcript must be received from **EVERY** institution that was attended. The transcripts need to be sent directly from the institution or evaluation agency; they may be mailed in a sealed envelope or transmitted electronically to gradadmissions@ulm.edu . If the transcript indicates that the classes are in progress, the transcript will be deemed incomplete; once the course is completed another official transcript will need to be provided. *If graduate coursework has been completed, even if it is unrelated to the major being pursued at ULM, these transcripts will be reviewed; the student must have grades no lower than a C in any graduate coursework and will need to be eligible for readmission at that college/university.

☐ **Send Official Test Scores for GRE or GMAT** - Our **institution code** for GRE and GMAT scores is **6482**. Scores cannot be over 2 years old.

*** Applicants may be granted one of three types of admission after all the application materials have been received. They are: Regular, Conditional, or Provisional and Non-Degree Status (visit the link at the top of this section to access the detailed information on the three types of admissions granted).**

~ If you have any questions regarding the requirements for graduate school you may e-mail: Jacqueline Jones jajones@ulm.edu / Donna Cary at dramsey@ulm.edu or call (318) 342-1036.

**** *Applications must be completed in its entirety, payments must be received for fees, and all required paperwork for BOTH departments must be received BEFORE the deadline to be considered complete/reviewed.***

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Dear Prospective Student,

I am pleased that you are interested in the Master's of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program at ULM. Our Speech-Language Pathology master's program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Students from throughout the United States—from Washington, California, Arkansas, Texas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, etc.—as well international students—from Canada, Egypt, Greece and Hong Kong, etc.—enroll in our program. Generally, 100% of the Speech-Language Pathology graduate students in our program have passed the Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology and accepted a Clinic Fellowship position prior to graduation.

Knowledge and skills acquired through academic and clinical experiences help students develop the professional competencies necessary to practice independently in the profession. Throughout the course of this program, clinical skills are acquired at the ULM Kitty DeGree Speech and Hearing Center, Specialized Literacy Clinic, the Autism Center at ULM and at the E.A. Barham Speech and Hearing Clinic on University Avenue and other approved sites. Additionally, graduate student clinicians assist with speech, language, and hearing screenings throughout the community for Head Start, businesses, and other entities.

Graduate students participate in research projects, mentored by faculty, that are peer-reviewed and often accepted for presentation at the local, state, regional, and/or national levels. Graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology program also have the opportunity to participate in various departmental and college committees such as Student Representative to the Faculty, Dean's Cabinet, and Health Sciences Student Council. The ULM Chapter of the National Student-Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) does several community projects and social events.

The Program in Speech-Language Pathology is a division of the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Other departments within the College include Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Science, Health Studies, Radiologic Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Gerontology, Kinesiology, and Marriage & Family Therapy.

We welcome your interest in our program and look forward to reviewing your application. I encourage you to thoroughly review the information and contact us using the information below if you have any questions.

I wish you the best!

David L. Irwin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow

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Professor and Program Director, Director of Autism Center at ULM

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M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
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Welcome letter from the Program Director in Speech-Language Pathology

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Application Instructions and Requirements

Application for admission to the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology program

Application Fee Letter

Graduate School Application Link

Letter of Recommendation Form for the M.S. Program in Speech-Language Pathology (three required)

Note: The application for a Graduate Assistantship and the three (3) recommendation forms are found at www.ulm.edu/gradschool. Send all of those materials together as one packet. A separate recommendation form is required for the GA.

Departmental review of applications for fall semester will begin on February 25 and September 25 for spring semester.

Due to the large number of applicants, your chances for admission are greatest if you apply before this date to allow adequate time for processing and verification of your credentials.

It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that **all** required information/documents are received by these dates.

If you have questions about receipt of information, please contact Dr. David Irwin, 318.342.3190 or irwin@ulm.edu.

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Speech-Language Pathology

(Speech-Language-Hearing)
(Communicative Disorders)

1. Degrees offered B.S., M.S.
2. Accreditation The Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
3. Job Responsibilities Assess, Treat & Help Prevent Speech, Language-Cognitive, and Swallowing Disorders:
 - Articulation - Sound Problems
 - Language - "Comprehension/Use"
 - Cognition - "Processing"
 - Voice - "Vocal Nodules, Hoarseness, Laryngeal Deficits"
 - Dysphagia - "Feeding/Swallowing"
 - Fluency - "Stuttering"
 - Aural Rehabilitation - "Hearing Impairment"
 - Neural Compromise - "Stroke/Head Injury"
 - ACC – "Technology for Non-Speakers"
4. Employment Sites: Hospitals, Schools, Rehabilitation Centers, Nursing Homes, Private Practice, Universities
5. Faculty:
 - David L Irwin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Professor & Program Director, Director of Autism Center at ULM
 - Jennifer Whited, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor
 - Linda Bryan, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Visiting Associate Professor
 - Amanda Elias, M.A., CCC-SLP, Instructor, Clinical Supervisor
 - Sarah Hayes, M.A., CCC-SLP, Instructor, Clinical Supervisor
 - Sue Jones, M.A., CCC-A, Audiologist
 - Becky Pickering, M.S, CCC-SLP, Instructor, Clinical Supervisor
 - Anne Marie Sisk, M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinical Assistant Professor and Clinical Director
 - Mary Ann Thomas, M.S., CCC-SLP Instructor, Internship Coordinator
6. Contact Information: Dr. David Irwin, CCC-SLP, Program Director, Director Autism Center
Speech-Language Pathology Program
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**The M.S. Degree in Speech-Language
Application Instructions and Requirements**

A. Program Admission

1. Admission to the M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology is competitive and selective.
2. All applications are reviewed by the Speech-Language Pathology Admissions Committee.
3. Students should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4 point system) and GRE scores are required.
4. Applications are reviewed for admission in both the fall and spring semesters.
5. Departmental review of applications will begin on September 25 for spring admission and February 25 for fall admission.
6. To ensure timely receipt and verification of information, applicants are encouraged to send their information well before the departmental deadline.

B. Pre-requisite Requirements

1. All applicants must have completed or be in the process of completing a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. Students without a background in speech-language pathology may be eligible for the Accelerated track that leads to the M.S. degree.
2. Spoken and written English proficiency
3. Undergraduate core coursework (may be taken at ULM):
 - a. biological and physical sciences (6)
 - b. statistics (3)
 - c. behavioral/social sciences (6)

C. Application Requirements

1. The following should be completed directly with the Graduate School, The University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Hannah Hall 241, Monroe, LA 71209.
 - a. Complete the online Graduate Studies Application with a \$40 non-refundable fee
 - b. Have official transcripts forwarded from all institutions attended
 - c. Have official GRE scores forwarded
2. The following should be sent directly to Dr. David Irwin, Program Director, Speech-Language Pathology, The University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209-0321:
 - a. Speech-Language Pathology Application with documentation of payment of \$55 non-refundable fee. Please submit this fee using a credit card by calling La Capitol FCU, (318) 342-5130 and tell them for MS in Speech-Language Pathology program.
 - b. Three letters of recommendation addressing your potential for success in graduate school and the profession.
 - c. Letter of Intent stating your strengths, weaknesses, specialized experiences with the disabled and professional goals

D. General Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 37 credit hours of coursework, excluding clinic and internship and meet the academic and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Additional coursework will be required for those students without undergraduate preparation in speech-language pathology.
2. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. Earning a grade of 'D' or 'F' will result in dismissal from the graduate program by the university.
3. All students must successfully complete oral and written comprehensive examinations.

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Application for Admission to the M.S. Degree in Speech-Language Pathology (Required)

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BECOME THE PROPERTY OF ULM AND MAY NOT BE RETURNED.

Please note: this application and fee is in addition to the application for Graduate School admission.
Submit \$55 Speech-Language Pathology application fee by calling La Capitol FCU (318) 342-5130. Keep your receipt. A copy is sent to SPLP program.

Application for: FALL 20____ SPRING 20____ Send this form to: Dr. David Irwin, Program Director

TYPE OR PRINT IN INK AND COMPLETE ALL ITEMS.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell phone: _____
 University: _____ Degree: _____
 Graduation Date or Expected Date: _____

Please complete the following for all coursework: GPA in Speech-Language Pathology Courses: _____/4.0

Match the courses from your university. If not offered at your university, leave blank.

ULM Course Number / Name	Other Course Number / Name	Credit Hours	Grade	When & Where Taken Or To be Scheduled
SPLP 1013 Intro to SLP Disorders				
SPLP 1052 Speech/Lang. Acquisition				
SPLP 2040 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech and Hearing				
SPLP 2002 Speech Language Science				
SPLP 4001 Phonetics				
SPLP 4077 Intro to Audiology				
SPLP 4004 Multicultural Issues in Clinical Service Delivery				
SPLP 4005 Diagnosis of Communication Disorders				
SPLP 4028 Articulation Disorders				
SPLP 4033 Lang. Disorders				
SPLP 4035 Clinical Procedures				
SPLP 4090 Neurophysiology of Speech and Language Systems				
Any Clinical Clock Hours (beyond required 25 observation hours)				
Life Sciences (Biology, Genetics, Anatomy/Physiology, Neuroanatomy)				
Statistics (must be behavioral statistics not mathematical)				
Behavioral Sciences (Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology)				
Physical Sciences (Chemistry**, Physics**, Geology, Astronomy, Physical Geography)				

* Beginning Fall 2013, if no dedicated undergraduate SPLP Neuro class, 4090 must be taken during the first fall semester of the program.

** Preferred by ASHA. Note: If you do not have a course that matches the ULM description please leave blank.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

Students **must** submit the completed Graduate School application online only. www.ulm.edu/gradschool

The \$40 Graduate School Application fee can be paid by calling the Louisiana Capitol Federal Credit Union by calling (318-342-5130).

Please access the following link to the Office of Graduate School:

www.ulm.edu/gradschool/

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED BE OBTAINED BY THE DEADLINE.

FAILURE TO ENSURE ALL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WILL RESULT IN AN "INCOMPLETE" APPLICATION AND NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION.

The departmental admissions committee looks forward to reviewing your application.

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Dear Applicant to the Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program,

Thank you for your interest in the M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology. In addition to the application fee to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, there is a \$55 application fee to apply to the M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology.

Please submit this fee using a credit card by calling La Capitol FCU, (318) 342-5130. Please keep your receipt. A copy is forwarded to the Speech-Language Pathology program and put in your file.

NOTE: This fee must be paid by the February 25 deadline for fall applicants and September 25 for spring applicants!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (318) 342-3190 or irwin@ulm.edu.
Sincerely,

David L. Irwin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow

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The applicant identified below has applied to the Graduate School at The University of Louisiana at Monroe for admission to the M.S. program in Speech-Language Pathology. **If a student also wants to be a Graduate Assistant the application and recommendation form (3 required) for the GA is at www.ulm.edu/gradschool.**

Please complete the Rating Form on the two (2) pages and provide any additional comments that would help us make an informed decision. Thank you for your assistance. Return this form in a sealed envelope, with signature across the seal, to:

Dr. David Irwin, CCC-SLP, Professor and Program Director
Speech-Language Pathology, Sugar Hall 155
The University of Louisiana at Monroe
Monroe, LA 71209-0321

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Applicant's Name: _____ Date Form Submitted: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please give one of these forms to each of the sponsors you select (a minimum of three is required). For the convenience of your sponsor, please include a stamped addressed envelope as indicated above. Some instructors or employers, when preparing evaluations for students whom they know, prefer to preserve the confidentiality of any statements they make. To elicit the most candid evaluations possible from your sponsors who prefer to respond confidentially, we offer you the opportunity to sign a waiver below. Your decision not to sign the waiver will not prejudice your chances for acceptance or an assistantship.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FORM:

******THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT******

I, the undersigned, herewith (**CHOOSE ONE OF THESE**) **DO WAIVE** **DO NOT WAIVE** all rights at any time to examine, review, or read this rating sheet or copies thereof, which are written for, or contained in, The Graduate File at The University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Signature of Applicant

Date

TO THE SPONSOR:

As required by U.S. Public Law 98-380 as amended by PL 93-568 (Buckley Amendment), a student may elect to waive or not waive the right of viewing this rating sheet. If the applicant does not waive the right to view it, you should consider the sheet non-confidential and, of course, are at liberty to return the form uncompleted. Your attention is directed to the applicant's signature and statement of intention.

Name of Applicant: _____

Describe your working relationship with the applicant? _____

PERFORMANCE KEY:

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Please rate this student in comparison to other graduating seniors with whom you have interacted in the past ten years.	5 – Exceptional (Top 10%)	2 – Average (Top 60%)						
	4 – Highly commendable (Top 25%)	1 – In some way deficient (Lowest 40%)						
	3 – Commendable (Top 40%)	0 – Unacceptable (Lowest 25%)						
Please place an (X) within the appropriate category for each statement below. Please provide additional comments in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.		PERFORMANCE						
		5	4	3	2	1	0	No Basis for Judgment
A.	Academics							
	1. Breadth of general knowledge and ability to handle abstract concepts.							
	2. Depth of theoretical knowledge in Speech-Language Pathology - Audiology							
B.	Personal Qualities							
	1. Acceptance/use of criticism.							
	2. Ability to relate to:							
	Peers							
	Clients							
	Faculty							
	Other Professionals							
	3. Ability to work independently.							
	4. Ability and interest in assuming responsibility.							
	5. Demonstration of originality/imagination.							
	6. Ability to evaluate and to adapt to new situations and information.							
	7. Motivation and diligence.							
C.	Clinical							
	1. Demonstration of application of theory.							
	2. Demonstration of knowledge and use of clinical methods and materials.							
	3. Ability to self-assess clinical performance.							
	4. Appropriate pursuit of assistance from supervisor.							
	5. Overall clinical competence, at present.							
	6. Overall clinical potential.							
D.	Research/Teaching Qualities							
	1. Potential as a research scholar.							
	2. Potential as a teaching assistant.							
	3. Clarity of spoken expression.							
E.	Overall potential for success at graduate level in speech-language pathology.							

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Please check one:

Highly Recommend ___ Recommend ___ Recommend with Reservation ___ Do not Recommend ___

Additional comments: _____

Name (Printed)

Title

Signature

Date

Institution/Company

Phone

email

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

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