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## SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

### Undergraduate Admissions

As a prospective first-year student who would like to enter the Speech Pathology and Audiology (SPAUD) Program, you should first contact Calvin's Admissions office (1-800-688-0122 or [admissions@calvin.edu](mailto:admissions@calvin.edu)) for more information. Admission standards for undergraduates and an online application are available at <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/admissions/apply/>.

As a regularly-enrolled undergraduate student, you may officially declare a major in speech pathology and audiology after earning at least a 3.3 (B+) in the three courses listed below:

- *SPAUD 210: Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms*
- *SPAUD 212: Speech and Hearing Science*
- *SPAUD 216: Phonetics*

At the time of declaration, you must submit a personal statement that addresses your reasons for pursuing a degree in speech pathology or audiology. Your personal statement should address:

- Why you decided on a career in speech-language pathology.
- Your eventual professional objectives which includes your preferred job setting.
- Why Calvin, as a faith-based institution, is a good fit for your graduate education and your future profession.

You also must meet the retention requirements for SPAUD majors to remain in the program. Retention requirements include meeting all essential functions for speech-language pathologists, earning at least a 3.3 average every semester across all of your courses, and earning at least a 3.3 in every SPAUD course.

For more information, read the SPAUD Academic and Clinical Handbook at <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/academics/speech-pathology/handbook/academic-and-clinical-handbook.pdf>.

### Post-Baccalaureate Students

As a prospective graduate student with a degree or equivalent coursework in speech pathology and audiology or with degrees in other disciplines/areas of study, you may apply to the graduate program only. Preference is given to regularly-enrolled undergraduate students in the bachelor's-to-master's degree program; however, a limited number of seats will be available for post-baccalaureate students. Your admission to the Master's program-only is dependent on the criteria listed below. However, please

note that simply meeting the criteria is not a guarantee of admission. As is the case with most graduate programs in speech pathology, admission is highly competitive.

1. Graduation from a regionally accredited undergraduate college or university.
2. A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.3 and a minimum GPA of 3.3 (no exceptions).
3. Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic and/or professional abilities.
4. A personal statement that addresses reasons for pursuing an advanced degree in speech pathology, professional objectives, and why Calvin is a good fit for your graduate experience and your future profession.
5. Successful completion (at least a 3.3) of the undergraduate prerequisites or their equivalents. Descriptions of courses are located at <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/academics/speech-pathology/academics/>.

Students who are admitted to the graduate program but have inadequate undergraduate preparation in speech pathology are expected to enroll in the undergraduate prerequisite courses first to prepare them for graduate study. See below for course listings. All students must meet required undergraduate course prerequisites before enrolling in SPAUD graduate classes.

- SPAUD 210: Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
- SPAUD 212: Speech and Hearing Science
- SPAUD 215: Introduction to Speech Pathology and Audiology
- SPAUD 216: Phonetics
- SPAUD 311: Child Language
- SPAUD 343: Neuroscience of Communication
- SPAUD 344: Evaluation Procedures in Audiology
- SPAUD 370: Introduction to Clinical Practicum
- Developmental psychology across the lifespan course
- Physical Science course, preferably a Physics or Chemistry course
- English Grammar course
- Statistics Course

All students must also meet the retention requirements, as listed in the Academic and Clinical Handbook: <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/academics/speech-pathology/handbook/academic-and-clinical-handbook.pdf>.

## **How to Apply as a Post-Baccalaureate Student**

For post-baccalaureate students, you must submit the following items online at CSDCAS ([www.csdcas.org](http://www.csdcas.org)):

1. Official transcripts from every college or university attended; if currently attending college, most recently completed semester grades must be included.
2. Three letters of recommendation that address your potential for success in the graduate program.

3. A personal statement that addresses:

- Why you decided on a career in speech-language pathology
- Your future professional objectives
- Why Calvin College, as a faith-based institution, is a good fit for your graduate education and your future profession.

All application materials (including official transcripts) are due no later than **February 15 to CSDCAS** for entry in the following fall semester.

If accepted, you will be directed to the Admissions Office for application to the college. Limited financial aid may be available for post-baccalaureate students. Email [finaid@calvin.edu](mailto:finaid@calvin.edu) or phone (616) 526-6134 for more information.