



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology



ABOUT THE M.A. IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The Master of Arts program in Speech-Language Pathology at St. John's University provides an academic and clinical education to meet the demands of a dynamic profession. Learn from expert faculty members who are committed to student success, and gain hands-on experience at our state-of-the-art Speech and Hearing Center, located just a few blocks from the Queens campus. Additional externships at facilities such as day care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and schools allow for broad exposure to a variety of speech-language disorders in multidisciplinary settings.

Our University's location in Queens, provides a natural environment for exposure to clients from diverse language backgrounds. The program also provides an opportunity for a global clinical-study experience in Guatemala.

The M.A. Speech-Language Pathology program in St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. John's University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, MD 20850; 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. It is deemed to be licensure-qualifying by the New York State (NYS) Board of Professional Licensing of the NYS Department of Education. The program also provides the necessary academic and clinical requirements for the NYS Credential for Teaching Students with Speech and Language Disabilities (TSSLD), a requirement for employment in NYS schools. With an additional nine credits of course work, clinical experience with bilingual children and English language learners, and successful completion of a language proficiency examination, you also meet the academic and clinical requirements for the NYS Bilingual Extension Certificate.

It is the mission of St. John's University's M.A. program in Speech-Language Pathology to cultivate excellent, well-rounded, and culturally competent speech-language/hearing professionals who are lifelong learners, who employ evidence-based practices, who are responsible practitioners, and who exemplify Vincentian principles of global and social justice.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY?

Speech-language pathologists work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders across the life span. The need for speech-language pathologists exists in a wide variety of settings, including hearing centers, hospitals, nursing care facilities, outpatient clinics, and schools. In most settings, you work with a collaborative, interdisciplinary team, which may include teachers, physicians, audiologists, psychologists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, and rehabilitation counselors.

With the M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology from St. John's, you qualify for ASHA certification and New York State licensure to meet the quickly growing demand for professionals in a diverse and dynamic field.





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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology at St. John's is a clinical program grounded in research and evidence-based practice. Our clinical educators model and hold you to the highest clinical and ethical standards. In addition to gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to engage in clinical practice, you are trained to utilize critical thinking skills and facilitate problem-solving in clinical situations. All students engage in research course work and can participate in faculty-mentored research projects, yielding frequent presentations at local and national conferences. Moreover, upon completion of our program, you are sufficiently prepared to enter a doctoral program, should you desire to do so. Our academic teaching is motivated by Vincentian principles of social justice that extend our concern for individuals with communication disorders beyond the clinic and classroom. Academic service-learning experiences enable you to serve marginalized persons locally and globally.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

St. John's Speech and Hearing Center is a state-of-the-art facility for the diagnosis and treatment of speech, language, and hearing disorders in children and adults. In addition to providing hands-on experience to students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the center provides screening and other services to the community.

For more information about the Speech and Hearing Center, please visit www.stjohns.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/st-johns-college-liberal-arts-and-sciences/speech-and-hearing-center.

In the program, you learn from expert scholar-practitioner faculty members and can participate in research that drives our knowledge base in the field. For more information about our faculty's research interests, please visit www.stjohns.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/st-johns-college-liberal-arts-and-sciences/communication-sciences-and-department-faculty.

SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

The Robert Azzara Scholarship is a graduate endowment available to students in the M.A. Speech-Language Pathology program. For more information about endowed scholarships, please visit www.stjohns.edu/admission-aid/scholarships/endowed-scholarships.

The University awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to highly qualified students each year. These positions provide tuition remission and a stipend and involve assisting faculty with research. Other nonacademic assistantship positions may be available. For more information about graduate assistantships, please visit www.stjohns.edu/admission-aid/graduate-admission/graduate-assistantships-and-fellowships.

For more information about other types of financial aid available to graduate students, please visit www.stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid/graduate/law-aid.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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