Kean University Speech-Language Pathology Pre-Professional Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Speech-Language Pathology Pre-Professional Program?
The Speech-Language Pathology Pre-Professional Program is housed in the School of Communication Disorders and Deafness. The purpose of the program is to provide foundational preparation for students who have an academic and/or professional background in a field other than speech-language-hearing sciences and disorders who intend to apply for entrance into a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology.

At Kean, students who are accepted into the MA program and do not have the background coursework are required to complete the pre-requisites as part of their Master's program before taking the graduate level coursework. Be sure to check with the program(s) you are considering applying to for their individual policies regarding the completion of the pre-requisite courses. Please be aware that successful completion all of the eight courses certainly strengthens any application to graduate school; however, successful completion in no way guarantees your admission into the Master's program at Kean or elsewhere.

If I complete these courses, does this mean I can begin graduate study immediately?
NO. This program is not affiliated in any way with the Master of Arts program in Speech-Language Pathology. Successful completion of this sequence of courses does not in any way constitute or ensure acceptance into the MA SLP program at Kean or any other graduate program. To take graduate courses, you must apply to become matriculated into the graduate program. Information about applying to the graduate program is available through the Graduate Admissions office.

Do I need to take the courses in a particular order?
The 2000 level courses need to be completed before the 3000 level courses. Admission to graduate programs in speech pathology and audiology is highly competitive; some programs receive hundreds of applications each year for a small number of seats. Completing the coursework in a sequence other than the recommended one could affect your ability to perform in the strong manner that could augment applications to graduate programs. See the course descriptions for pre-requisite courses. Feel free to speak to the program coordinator/academic advisor for additional information.

How do I register for classes?
Registration is online through KeanWise. If you need permission to enroll for a class, contact your academic advisor or program coordinator. Individual instructors are not permitted to sign you in to classes.

Can I take the on campus, face to face sections of the foundation courses?
Courses are offered in both face to face and online formats most semesters. We reserve registration in the online sections to students in the pre-professional program to insure they are able to take needed courses in a timely fashion. If you are interested in the face-to-face, traditional undergraduate versions, pre-professional students are able to enroll only when open seats are available; pre-professional students will not be overloaded into any of the on campus classes.

For additional information, course descriptions, and the student handbook, check out our website:
http://www.kean.edu/ku/Speech-Language-Pathology-Pre-Professional-Program