SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

- **Speech-Language Pathology**: Identification, diagnosis, therapy and management of speech and language disorders originating at multiple levels of the complex process of conversion of thought into speech.

- **Audiology**: Identification, diagnosis, therapy and management of disorders of hearing processes from the periphery to central (brain) processes.
SFASU SLP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **4 PH.D/Au.D. PROFESSORS**
  - All tenure-track

- **CLINICAL DIRECTORS (2)**
  - Stanley Speech and Hearing
  - Cole Audiology Lab

- **MULTIPLE INSTRUCTORS**
  - Full-time (5+)
  - Part-time (2)
  - Adjunct (2)
SCOPE OF SLP PRACTICE

- NORMAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
- ABNORMAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
- CLINICAL APPLICATIONS AND PRACTICE
- RESEARCH SCIENTISTS
PRACTICE SETTINGS

- PRE-K (early childhood)
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS (K-12)
- MEDICAL SETTINGS
- PRIVATE PRACTICE
DEMAND FOR SLPs

- **US Bureau of Labor Statistics**
  - 10% increase in number of SLP jobs predicted between 2006 and 2016
  - Places it in **top 30** (out of 700) fastest growing professions

- **Starting Salaries (with Master’s Degree):**
  - Medical settings: $70,000-80,000
  - School settings: $57,000-64,000 (for 9 mos)
  - Salaries vary greatly in different geographical and/or regional locations of the US
RECENT POSITIVE EVENTS

- **PRAXIS BOWL** (based on national ASHA exam)
  - Competition between 20+ Texas universities
  - Each select their top 3-4 second year graduate students to be their Jeopardy “team”
  - Very serious competition! 😊
  - **Last** year, we got **last place** (20th), **this year** we got **3rd place**!!!!!! 😊
RECENT POSITIVE EVENTS

- POOL OF GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANTS
  - Significant differences between the 2010 applicants and the 2011 applicants
    - Total number of applicants for graduate degree program jumped from 43 to 97!! (up 138%)!!
    - Average GRE score jumped from 903 to 983 (up 10%)!!
    - Average composite score (GPA of last 60 hrs x GRE score) jumped from 3910 to 4486 (up 14.5%)!!
TWO DEGREES OFFERED

1. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
   - In “Communication Sciences and Disorders”
   - Can get an SLP Assistant’s license only; can do tx only (no evaluations) under a fully licensed SLP’s supervision/monitoring

2. MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE
   - In “Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology”
   - Fully licensed and autonomous SLP; eligible for ASHA CCCs
   - Accredited by the CAA (Council of Academic Accreditation) of ASHA for a 5-year period (ending in 2014)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- **120 CREDIT HOURS TOTAL**
  - **72 hrs** in General Education Courses
  - **48 hrs** (16 courses) in the SLP Major Courses
MASTER’S DEGREE

- **67 CREDIT HOURS TOTAL**
  - **46 Hours** in individual/specialized content courses
  - **15 Hours** in Clinical Practicum Experiences
  - **6 Hours** in Research-focused Courses
ENROLLMENT TRENDS
(# of students enrolled in SLP courses)

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(+ 4%)
### STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

- **BASE RATE FOR NON-HEALTH SCIENCE MAJORS:**
  - **BASE RATE PER CREDIT HOUR:** $62.19

- **BASE RATE FOR HEALTH SCIENCE MAJORS:**
  - **Lower Level UG**
    - **BR X 1.24**
    - **$77.12** (per credit hour)
  - **Upper Level UG**
    - **BR X 1.98**
    - **$123.14** (per credit hour)
  - **Graduate Level**
    - **BR X 3.21**
    - **$199.63** (per credit hour)
## SLP REVENUE SUMMARY

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BACHELOR’S DEGREE

- Intro. to SLP
- Phonetics
- Speech Disorders
- Anatomy and Physiology of Speech
- Normal Speech and Language Development
- Clinical Intervention Methods
- Diagnostic Methods in SLP
- Clinical Assisting/Experience
- SPE-survey of Exceptionalities
- Language Disorders in Infants and Pre-school age
- Language Disorders in School-Age & Adolescents
- Intro. to Audiology
- Seminar in SLP Methods (School and Medical Settings for SLPs)
- Aural/Oral Habilitation of the Hearing Impaired
- Neurological Bases of Communication
- Interviewing & Helping Skills
MASTER’S DEGREE

- Aphasia
- Phonological Disorders
- Fluency Disorders
- Clinical Practicum experiences (every semester)
- Augmentative and Alternative Comm.
- Dysphagia

- Speech Science
- Neuropathologies of Speech
- Central Auditory Processing Disorders
- Advanced Audiology
- Voice Disorders
- Craniofacial Anomalies
- Research in SLP
- Research Methods