

Mississippi University for Women
Department of Speech-Language Pathology

Mission

The mission of the Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program is to advance students' professional knowledge regarding disorders of human communication and swallowing. Through a variety of academic and clinical training experiences, students are prepared to become professional and competent speech-language pathologists who incorporate evidence-based practice and provide quality services to people with communication and swallowing disorders and support their care partners. Students will be prepared to assume leadership roles in the workplace. Students will meet all academic requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the Council for Clinical Certification. The Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program will enhance service to the community by providing clinical services through the Mississippi University for Women Speech and Hearing Center.

Strategic Objective 1

Promote the diversity and number of high-quality student applications and attract high-quality students to our speech language pathology program.

1. Increase the number of faculty who attend conferences and serve on committees focused on topics related to diversity.
2. Have at least 3 marketing push outs to students from traditional and nontraditional undergraduate degree backgrounds each academic year.
3. Maintain funding for graduate students through graduate assistantships, scholarships, and other sources.

Strategic Objective 2

Promote and cultivate leadership in faculty and students.

1. Provide support for two students to attend the Mississippi Speech Language Hearing Association Convention.
2. Faculty will serve on university and/or state and national committees.
3. Support local NSSLHA chapter in their efforts to achieve National NSSLHA honors.

Strategic Objective 3

Participate in community engagement opportunities.

1. Conduct free speech, language, hearing screenings for preschool children in the community at identified sites once a year.
2. Conduct free speech, language, hearing screenings for school-age children in the community at identified sites once a year.
3. Provide hearing health presentations for community members once a year.
4. Provide free hearing screenings for Mississippi University for Women faculty, staff, and alumni once a year.
5. Conduct site visit interviews with regional clinicians annually.
6. Conduct employer satisfaction surveys to evaluate SLP program preparation to meet community needs annually.

Note: The program will evaluate progress towards strategic objectives (goals) annually during Faculty Retreat. The program will evaluate and revise strategic objectives (goals) annually during Faculty Retreat.