

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 human communication and its disorders. Through a variety of academic and clinical training experiences, students are prepared to become professional and competent speech-language pathologists who incorporate evidence-based therapy and provide quality services to people with communication disorders and their families and who will be prepared to assume leadership roles in the workplace. The graduate program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for entry-level practice in speech-language pathology in both educational and medical settings. The graduate program enhances service to the community through the provision of clinical services offered at the MUW Speech and Hearing Center.

**Strategic Objective 1**

Increase the diversity and number of high quality student applications and attract them 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. Increase web presence and marketing to students from traditional and non-traditional undergraduate degree backgrounds.
3. Increase funding for graduate students through graduate assistantships, traineeships and other sources.

**Strategic Object 2**

Promote and cultivate leadership both on campus and beyond.

1. Apply for grants to support student travel to conferences by 2024.
2. Provide support for two students to attend the Mississippi Speech Language Hearing Association Convention each year 2019-2024.
3. Increase the number of opportunities for students to engage in leadership at the national level: applications for National NSSLHA position, Minority Student Leadership Program, etc.
4. Faculty will serve on state and national committees to provide a role model for students.
5. Support local NSSLHA chapter in their efforts to achieve National NSSLHA honors.

**Strategic Objective 3**

Expand community engagement opportunities.

1. Conduct free speech, language, hearing screenings for preschool children in the community at identified sites once a semester increasing to once a month by 2024.
2. Provide hearing health presentations for community members once a semester.
3. Provide free hearing screenings for Mississippi University for Women faculty and staff during the month of October.
4. Provide free hearing screenings for Mississippi University for Women alumni during the month of May.
5. Convene an advisory panel of business leaders and clinicians from the Golden Triangle Region once a year.

**Strategic Objective 4**

Increase opportunities for scholarship and creative activities.

1. Submit one personnel preparation grant by 2024.
2. Become an ASHA CEU provider by 2024.
3. Provide travel support for faculty to present research at state and national conference.
4. Provide travel support for clinical faculty to attend SEUCE conference.
5. Offer opportunities for undergraduate to engage in research activities.