

June 9, 2025

TO: Scott Tollison, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
FROM: Marty Brock, AVPAA and Director of Graduate Studies
RE: Recommendations from Graduate Council, April 2025

Graduate Council voted on the following items in the April 2025 meeting:

I. Program Admissions Requirement Revisions:

- School of Education—Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Education
 - Remove the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Licensure requirementThe Council's vote was unanimous, in favor of recommending the proposal presented, for your consideration.
- Vandergriff College of Nursing & Health Sciences– Speech-Language Pathology
 - Undergraduate students pursuing their Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at Mississippi University for Women (MUW) will have the opportunity for automatic admission to MUW's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. This essentially means that if a student meets specific academic criteria and character standards while completing their undergraduate degree at The W, they are automatically accepted into The W's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program. This in essence provides the student a sense of security by reserving their position. The student will also be allowed to bypass the standard application process.After discussion, the Council voted to change the language from "guaranteed" admission to "automatic" admission. The Council's vote was unanimous, in favor of recommending the proposal presented, for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

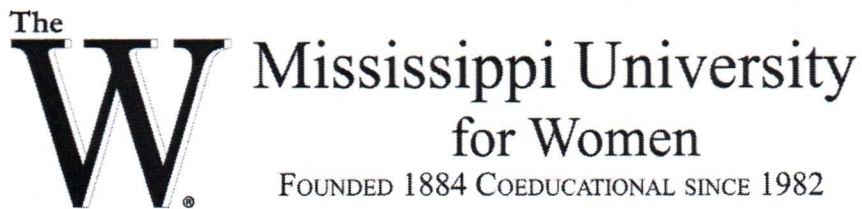


Marty Brock

AVPAA and Director of Graduate Studies

of security by reserving their position. The student will also be allowed to bypass the standard application process.

*Recommend
for
Approval
6/12/25
Approved
MRM
6/13/25*



College of Nursing and Health Sciences
1100 College St., MUW-910
Columbus, MS 39701
Office: (662) 329-7299
Fax: (662) 329-8555
bhlarmon@muw.edu

April 30, 2025

Graduate Council Members,

I am providing my letter of support for the proposal submitted Speech Language and Pathology department at MUW. As you can see from attached documents, the program would like to update their admissions process in order to maintain a more prepared graduate class. This was discussed and approved through our college cabinet, and I look forward to the impact this will make.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Brandy H. Larmon', on a light-colored background.

Dr. Brandy H. Larmon, EdD, RN-MSN
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Mississippi University for Women
Columbus, MS 39701

Mississippi University for Women
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Cabinet Minutes
February 18, 2025 10 am

Present: MH Ruffin, S.Phelon, M.Scott (via zoom), C.Cotton, I. Pintado

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order	Call to order at 10 am	
2. Acceptance of Agenda	Additions noted and approved	
3. Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the December meeting were approved without corrections.	
4. University Items		
A. Continued Business		
Orientations for 2025-2026	See attachments for changes to Orientation dates; Meet the Colleges format to change	Ongoing

Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our fall preceptor and PG-NEC courses are on the calendar of courses. Sub change submitted once we receive IHL meeting minutes. Marketing will start soon. 2. Spin learning- salesman came by; this is much like ATI. I told him we were currently using other vendors and has recently changed, so we would probably not pursue other avenues 3. Nav. HS update- We have had about 120 students confirm attendance for the morning session. As it stands, we will only have the morning session, and we still have space available for additional morning attendants if needed. 4. College Alg. Change- Callie reported to BL that the SSC was looking at those with 17 or 18 in Math being able to take Statistics in place of College Algebra. Chairs voiced that health majors need the College Algebra for critical thinking skills, meeting accreditation guidelines, and being fully prepared for the health major. I explained I had told Callie we would like for this to be utilized only in dire circumstances, because we would like for the College Req to remain for our majors. 5. IHL and Liability Insurance-IHL legal counsel has advised we find another option for paying for student/faculty liability insurance rather than a blanket policy paid from student fees. We are ok for the 25-26 academic year, but we will have to consider other options. BL has looked at options other schools are using, and she hopes she can find an alternative for the faculty coverage. 6. MSMS- A proposal is being drafted, but Scott would like to us consider ways we could use Hooper is MSMS was gone. 	
5. College		

Enrollment/Recruiting Updates	<p>ASN – Continued recruitment visits; electronic app</p> <p>BSN – Application update; 106 applications with 8 early select accepted</p> <p>RN-BSN – Bought emails’ campaign in process; another StudyCollege.com project</p> <p>Neshoba General Hospital Project –Awaiting legislative appropriations</p> <p>LCSD – Final MOU to be signed</p> <p>Graduate – Slate issues</p>	Ongoing
Deans’ Council, Adm./Aca. Council Updates	<p>Working with education faculty on a training on instructional technologies. Waiting to see agenda</p> <p>Deans Council update/Academic & Admin. Council updates- HB1193 and SB2515 are important bills to continue to track. HB1193 speaks to strict DEI boundaries and ramifications. SB 2515 has looser DEI boundaries, but this REFOCUS Act outlines an efficiency study and taskforce to review the IHL system and higher education in MS.</p>	Ongoing
A. New Business	<p>CIPR timeline for BSN,GN- BL will get with MS and SP to work on a timeline for completion of the report by submission of Dec. 1, 2025.</p> <p>Admissions Showcase March 22 with the program information from 1p-230. This is a Saturday, and MHR has been a point of contact for Admissions. May have interactive sessions, but there are concerns about the number of attendants and asking faculty to help during such a busy time.</p>	
B. Continued Business	<p>Bylaws – Updates loaded in Canvas- please have faculty review the edits before Plenary. Have them submit any edits to our cabinet in time to discuss those before plenary.</p> <p>Faculty Mentor Program- BL is creating a topic list for review; will focus on the pieces of the tenure track here at the W; in process; several faculty in the process now, so BL wants to see how many we have for this process.</p>	Ongoing
6. H&K		

A. Unfinished Business	None	
Faculty positions	Only one public health position open, which is not being advertised at this time. It is filled by adjuncts and going well; Kinesiology is in more need.	Ongoing
Miller Lecture	Speaker from Community Counseling; suicide prevention; March 19	Ongoing
MPH Accreditation	Postpone for one year; we are a small program, and the accreditation team would like more policies and procedures in place before the visit.	Ongoing
Other		
B. New Business	None	
7. Speech-Language Pathology		
A. Unfinished Business		
Speech and Hearing Center updates	Program is starting a capitol campaign with student highlights, sent to over 600 alumni.	
Program updates	Updated early admit process; has been approved by Cabinet. SLP to present to Graduate Council as an FYI. They currently have 66 applications that have been verified by CAPSD.	
Faculty positions	Asking to fill the current open position so Catherine could transition to Department Chair. Position for applications is posted	Ongoing
A. New Business	None	
8. Nursing		
A. Continued Business		
Deans and Directors Meetings	Deans and Directors Meeting Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 4 • June Summer conference – Belhaven does appear will be June 4 & 5 	Ongoing

Respectfully submitted

Bridget Jones

Mississippi University for Women
Speech-Language Pathology Automatic Admission Statement/Master of Science Degree in
Speech-Language Pathology

Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletin Language

Purpose and Benefit: The SLP Automatic Admission provides high performing Mississippi University for Women undergraduate students who meet specific academic criteria and character standards, automatic acceptance into The W's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program. This can provide peace of mind and allow students to focus on their undergraduate studies knowing they have a secured spot in our graduate program. The student will be able to bypass the standard application process thus eliminating the additional time, effort, and expense this process typically requires.

Eligibility: Applicants of The W's Automatic Admission for the M.S. Speech-Language Pathology Degree Program must meet the following requirements:

- Be admitted to The W and the Speech-Language Pathology undergraduate program prior to the Fall semester of their junior year
- Complete 4 consecutive semesters toward a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology from The W
- Be in good standing at The W
- Maintain at least a B in each SLP prerequisite course
- Maintain at least a B in each biological sciences with a lab, physical sciences with a lab, mathematics, social/behavioral sciences, and mathematics prerequisite course, which must have been completed within the last six years
- Achieve a 3.70 or higher overall GPA through completion of ALL undergraduate coursework
- Submit 3 proofs of support from The W's SLP Department faculty indicating "no concerns"

Admissions Process: All application documents must be in the MUW SLP program's office and/or postmarked by 5 p.m. on November 1st of their senior year to be considered for early selection. See Automatic Admission Application for details.

Additional Requirements: Eligible students must obtain 25 guided observation hours before graduating from MUW. Failure to acquire these hours may delay completion of the graduate program in speech-language pathology. Additionally, students must earn a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology from MUW.

Voluntary or Administrative Withdrawal: Students who wish to withdraw from The W's graduate SLP Program must do so through the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The last day to withdraw from The W is listed on the Academic Calendar. Once the withdrawal form is processed, the action is irreversible. Withdrawal does not necessarily indicate a clearance of

financial or other obligations. All obligations to The W must be met regardless of withdrawal status. Refunds are made based on The W policy and are associated with date of withdrawal. Leaving The W without withdrawal notice will result in failing grades in all courses for which the student is registered.

Application to Graduate Program: Students will be granted their bachelor's degree when they complete all of the undergraduate requirements; they are undergraduate students until that point. Students must apply for admission into the SLP graduate program during their senior year by the prescribed deadline. Acceptance to the W's Automatic Admission Program does not guarantee admission to The W's Graduate School.

SLP Automatic Admission Statement

Undergraduate students pursuing their Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at Mississippi University for Women (MUW) will have the opportunity for automatic admission to MUW's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. This essentially means that if a student meets specific academic criteria and character standards while completing their undergraduate degree at The W, they are automatically accepted into The W's Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program. This in essence provides the student a sense of security by reserving their position. The student will also be allowed to bypass the standard application process.

Key points about The W's Automatic Admission into the MS for Speech-Language Pathology:

- **Conditional acceptance:** While it's "automatic," the student must achieve and maintain the high academic performance standards and character standards to maintain eligibility.
- **Benefits to W students:** This can provide peace of mind and allow students to focus on their undergraduate studies knowing they have a secured spot in our graduate program. The student will be able to bypass the standard application process thus eliminating the additional time, effort, and expense this process typically requires.
- **Benefits to The W:** Offering an automatic admission opportunity sets us apart from other universities in our state and region in terms of recruiting, especially in terms of high quality students who are already considering graduate programs. This opportunity also allows us to retain our best and brightest students against larger competitors.

Applicants for The W's Automatic Admission for the M.S. Speech-Language Pathology Degree Program must meet the following requirements:

- Must be admitted to The W and the Speech-Language Pathology undergraduate program prior to the Fall semester of their junior year.
- Must complete 4 consecutive semesters toward a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology from The W.
- Be in good standing at The W.
- Maintain at least a **B** in each SLP prerequisite course.
- Maintain at least a **B** in each biological sciences with a lab, physical sciences with a lab, mathematics, social/behavioral sciences, and mathematics prerequisite courses, which must have been completed within the last six years.
- Achieve a 3.70 or higher overall GPA through completion of ALL undergraduate coursework.
- Submit 3 proofs of support from The W's SLP Department faculty indicating "**no concerns**".
- If applying for the **Early Selection option**, all application documents must be in MUW's SLP program office and/or postmarked by 5 p.m. on November 1st of their senior year to be considered for early selection.
 - Mailing Address: 1100 College Street, MUW-1340
Columbus, MS 39701-5800
 - Hand Deliver to MUW's SLP Program, 137 Turner Hall

Graduation from MUW does not guarantee that you will be admitted to MUW's Graduate SLP Program.

MUW Vandergriff College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Department of Speech-Language Pathology
Automatic Admission Application

Name: _____

 Last First Middle/Maiden

Home Address: _____

City	State	Zip Code
------	-------	----------

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

MUW Email: _____ MUW ID#: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

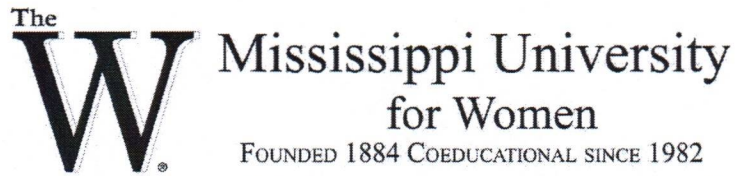
List all Colleges/Universities attended (even if only one course):

College/University	City	State	Years Attended

I understand admission to the MUW SLP Graduate Program is highly competitive. I understand that I must obtain 25 guided observation hours before I graduate from MUW. Failure to acquire these hours may delay completion of the graduate program in speech-language pathology.

I understand that ALL of the prerequisite courses must be completed before I earn a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology from MUW.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



SCHOOL of EDUCATION

School of Education
1100 College St., MUW-1637
Columbus, MS 39701
Phone: 662-329-7191

5 May 2025

TO: Dr. Marty Brock, AVPAA & Director of Graduate Studies
FROM: Dr. Martin L. Hatton, Dean
RE: Removal of licensure requirement for admission to the Master of Education programs

The Department of Education's graduate faculty voted to remove the Master of Education (M.Ed.) licensure requirement in their December 4th meeting (please see attachment, first two paragraphs of section 4.0, highlighted). Graduate faculty reviewed the requirements of other IHL graduate education programs and found that the W's School of Education is unique in allowing only licensed educators to admit to the M.Ed.

We request to remove this requirement from the Graduate Bulletin.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

School of Education Mission

The School of Education is dedicated to innovation from early childhood through post-graduation in a complete lifelong learning model of education.

Graduate Faculty

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

1:00 PM

BOOST Room-EDHS 403B

Meeting Attendees: Dr. Bob Fuller, Dr. Chrystal Hodges, Dr. Kelly Ballard, Dr. Hope Durst, Dr. Alison Buehler, Ms. Christi Dillon, Mrs. Brittany Hunnicutt, Ms. Malinda Dale

Zoom Attendees: Dr. Christy Adams

Members Absent: none

1.0 Call to Order

Dr. Bob Fuller, Chair of the Department of Education, called the meeting to order.

2.0 Approval of October 25, 2024 Minutes

Dr. Ballard made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Buehler seconded. The committee accepted the minutes.

3.0 Scholarship Update

Dr. Adams reported that more information is needed to be given to CES before a flyer can be made.

4.0 M.Ed. Admission Requirements (licensed/non-licensed)

Faculty discussed whether the Masters of Education program should be only for licensed educators. After reviewing other IHLs, it was decided that the verbiage regarding the license requirement will be removed from the website and requirements.

In the FAQ section, "licensed educators" will be removed and changed to P-12 educators and add "proof of eligibility" in area needed. Dr. Buehler volunteered to to private schools to recruit for the program. A flyer will be made to distribute. The most asked questions are how long the program takes, what is the cost, and what are the deadlines for applications. All three of these items need to be on the flyer.

It was asked if we can do a flat rate for the M.Ed program like what is done in the College of Business. Ms. Brittany Hunnicutt said that she would talk to Dr. Hatton about it and see if this was an option.

5.0 M.Ed. Student Improvement Plan

Dr. Hodges presented the group the Disposition Infracton Form with an updated purpose statement and evaluation worksheet. Dr. Ballard mentioned that the words "Graduate Student", "Teacher Candidate", "Mentor Teacher", and "University Supervisor" all need to be capitalized to be consistent across all our documentation.

Dr. Ballard made a motion to approve, and Dr. Durst seconded. The form was unanimously approved. It will be piloted in the Spring, and then added to the Graduate Handbook for the 2025-2026 academic year.

6.0 Key Assessments Rubrics

Dr. Hodges and Dr. Ballard are working on them. They will be presented for the January meeting.

7.0 GPA Admittance Requirements for M.Ed.

Dr. Ballard researched program admission requirements and presented recommendations to the committee. Currently, The W requires candidates to have a 3.0 GPA for program admission. However, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) does not have a mandated GPA requirement for entry into educator preparation programs. Dr. Ballard suggested adjusting the GPA requirement to a minimum of 2.75, calculated based on the last 60 credit hours of coursework. Additionally, candidates would need to provide "proof of eligibility" as part of the admission process.

After presenting the recommendations, the committee reviewed and discussed them. A motion to approve the recommendations was made by Dr. Durst and seconded by Dr. Hodges. Following deliberation, the committee voted to approve the proposed changes.

8.0 Elementary Education MAT

Dr. Ballard provided an update on the Mississippi Department of Education's (MDE) requirement for 33 credit hours in specific areas. She confirmed that all necessary information for meeting this requirement is available. The proposal includes 18 credit hours in any area currently offered within the MAT program.

The committee discussed the timing and structure of the courses. Questions were raised regarding when candidates would complete the required coursework and the plan for offering them. Currently, summer courses are available, but a course mapping process needs to be undertaken to ensure alignment.

Dr. Ballard indicated that the necessary forms for the proposal have already been completed. A motion to approve initiating this process and presenting it to Graduate Council in January so it can make it to MDE by February 15th was made by Dr. Buehler and seconded by Dr. Hodges. The committee voted to move forward with the proposal.

9.0 Program Review (MAT): Next Steps

Dr. Ballard will have ready before Christmas break.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Malinda Dale and Brittany Hunnicutt.