

M.S. Program of Study

The M.S. program is designed to prepare graduate students to become skilled and experienced professionals, trained in the area of clinical speech language pathology (SLP). The M.S., program provides opportunities for graduate students to acquire knowledge, leadership skills, problem solving strategies, and experience with professional and ethical issues in SLP. The program draws on the rich and diverse clinical opportunities within the University's Speech-Language-Hearing Center, as well as in clinical sites within the Tampa Bay area. Off campus sites include Veterans Administration hospitals, children's hospitals, private speech and hearing clinics, and rehabilitation clinics.

Students complete 4 in-house practicum courses prior to selecting 2 separate externship sites. These experiences are designed to provide the breadth and depth of clinical experiences necessary for clinical certification and state licensure.

Students have multiple opportunities to become involved in service, cultural, and professional organizations such as the National Student Speech, Language & Hearing Association, the Bilingual Language and Literacy Group, the Multicultural Club and Forever Friends.

State of the Art Equipment and Labs

The program benefits from the world-class resources of the CSD Department. Physical resources include a laboratory and clinical facilities with state-of-the-art hardware and custom laboratory space. The internationally recognized research of our faculty includes various sources of external funding from NIH, NSF, DOE, DoD, foundations, and industry support.

Research is an important component of our SLP Program. Students seeking a master's degree in SLP have an opportunity to complete a master's thesis in addition to their required coursework.

Financial Aid

Students may apply for support through tuition remissions and either research or graduate assistantships. For more information visit these links:

USF Scholarships and Financial Aid

<https://www.usf.edu/financial-aid/>

Office of Graduate Studies Fellowships & Scholarships

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/scholarships.php>

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
Scholarship Opportunities

<https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/undergraduate/scholarship-opportunities.aspx>

USF Graduate Assistant Resource Center

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/assistantships.php>

University Environment

The University of South Florida's Tampa campus occupies a 1,700-acre tract ten miles northeast of downtown. The campus atmosphere is casual, and outdoor activities are popular because of the area's extraordinary climate. The Phyllis Marshall Center serves as a focal point for daily activities of the university community. The Sun Dome, a large multi-purpose facility with seating for 10,000, hosts athletic events, concerts, and lectures. The University also has a golf course and maintains a park on the Hillsborough River, where softball, canoeing, fishing and cookouts are popular activities.

How to Apply

Apply online at:

<https://csdcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
and

<https://secure.vzcollegeapp.com/usf/default.aspx?cid=87<id=2>

Your CSDCAS application must include a letter of intent, resume, 3 letters of recommendation, and official transcripts and GRE scores (USF Institution Code: 7009).

Both Applications (CSDCAS and USF) must be submitted and all supplemental information must be received by January 15th for Fall Admissions.

GRADUATE FACULTY

Academic Faculty

Supraja Anand, Ph.D.

Speech & Voice Perception and
Production, Motor Speech Disorders

Ruth Bahr, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Associate Dean, Office of Graduate Studies
Phonology, Voice, Language Variations, Board
Certified Specialist in Child Language

Alex Brandimore, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Dysphagia, Voice Disorders, Motor Disorders

Carolyn Ford, Ed.D., CCC-SLP

**Graduate SLP Program Director & Director of
Suncoast Distance Master's Program**
Language & Literacy & Childhood Apraxia of
Speech

Nathan Maxfield, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Associate Chair
Fluency, Cognitive Neuroscience

Jane Smart, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Aural Rehabilitation, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing,
Speech Sound Disorders

Adithya Chandregowda, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Neurobiology of Speech and Language,
Neurogenic Communication Disorders

Clinical Faculty

Marian Lowther, M.S., CCC-SLP

Child Language, AAC, Developmental Disorders,
Genetic Disorders, Emotional Disorders

Cara Babon, M.S., CCC-SLP

Early Intervention, AAC, Special Populations,
Social Communication Disorders

Teresa Anthony, M.A., CCC-SLP

**SLP Clinic Director & Director of
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Billing and reimbursement, Clinical
Operations, Communicators with Hearing
Loss

Emily Glass, M.A., CCC-SLP

Adult Neurogenic Cognitive and
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Dysphagia

Mary Pyfrom, M.A., CCC-SLP

Adult Neurogenics, Accent Modification, Voice

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Early Intervention, Caregiver-Coaching &
Routines-Based Intervention

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Adult Neurogenics & Neurodegenerative
Diseases, Voice, and Dysphagia

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Early Intervention, Bilingualism

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