

## Post-Bacc FAQ

### 1. What are the Seven pre-requisite courses for entry into the SLP Master's program?

- The seven courses required are as follows:
- SPA 3030- introduction to Hearing Sciences
- SPA 3101- Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
- SPA 3112- Applied Phonetics in Communication Disorders
- SPA 3011- Introduction to Speech Science (prerequisite-SPA 3030 & SPA 3112)
- SPA 3310- Introduction to Disorders of Hearing (prerequisite SPA 3030)
- SPA 3004- Introduction to Language Development
- SPA 4104- Neuroanatomy for Speech, Language, and Hearing (prerequisite-SPA 3101)

There are four ways in which you may take these courses: [Paths to Completion](#)

Please note, not all courses are offered each term, so is important you choose the path that accommodates when you can take the courses in their prescribed order.

### 2. Will I get into the Master's program if I get accepted into the Post-Bacc Program?

- Entrance into the Master's program is not guaranteed after you get accepted into the Post-Bacc program. There is a separate application and acceptance is extremely competitive. Acceptance is based upon GPA, GRE scores, extracurricular activities, and experience. Because this is a non-degree seeking program, you cannot touch your undergraduate GPA. Acceptance into the Master's program is extremely competitive and average GPA acceptance is around a 3.7-3.8.

### 3. I want to apply to another school for graduate school, what should I do?

- If you are planning on going to another university for graduate school, please contact them directly to ensure that our classes will count for their requirements. Because this program is specifically designed for our Master's program, we can only guarantee that you will meet the requirements for USF.

### 4. Are there any other requirements to become an SLP?

- There are four additional prerequisites that you will need to take before you start your Clinical Fellowship (CF). Please visit the following link for more information: <https://www.asha.org/Certification/Course-Content-Areas-for-SLP-Standards/>

### 5. Do I need GRE scores to be accepted into the Post-Bacc Program?

- GRE scores are not required for acceptance into the Post-Bacc program. However, GRE scores are required for acceptance into graduate school.

### 6. My undergraduate GPA is not great, but can I raise it taking these 7 classes?

- The minimum GPA required for acceptance into graduate school is a 3.2, HOWEVER, average GPA for USF graduate school is between a 3.7-3.8. If your GPA is significantly lower than this, please consider obtaining a second Bachelor's degree in order to boost your GPA and make yourself a more

competitive applicant. Since this program is non-degree seeking, **you cannot improve or change your undergraduate GPA taking these 7 courses.**

**7. Registration timeline:**

- Typically, registration opens 2 weeks prior to classes starting. You only need to request a permit for SPA 3101, please do not request permits for all classes.

**8. Can I take classes online through any USF campus?**

- No, if you register as a non-degree seeking student through Tampa, you must take all courses through Tampa. We are not able to permit you for courses offered through Sarasota or St. Petersburg. Please be sure which campus you wish to take all your courses through by checking when they are offered, before you apply as a non-degree seeking to a particular campus.

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