

FAQs for Prospective Students of the Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

Q1. Will I receive financial aid?

A: Yes. With few exceptions, all students accepted to the GC Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences will receive a tuition fellowship which covers the cost of in-state tuition for five years of study. All students will also receive additional fellowships, but these vary from 5-year full fellowships to lesser amounts. Additional funds are available to support the research activities of matriculated students.

Q2. What are the requirements to apply for the program?

A: To apply, students will need to submit the Online Application Form found on the Graduate Center's webpage linked [here](#). In addition, students will need to submit three (3) letters of recommendation, a written statement, an unofficial transcript (official transcripts are due after a student accepts an admission offer), and pay the application fee (\$75). All documents must be submitted by the deadline of January 1.

Q3. Can I apply after the January 1 deadline?

A: No. The deadline for applying for the SLHS program is January 1. Students may reach out to the program's Executive Officer regarding extenuating circumstances, but it is very rare for any student to be granted an extension.

Q4. What are the minimum acceptable GRE scores?

A: The Ph.D. Program in SLHS no longer requires the GRE.

Q5. How long will it take me to earn my degree?

A: This will ultimately depend on the student. The program estimates that a student with full financial support will take 5-6 years to complete their degree. A sample of the path to the degree can be found in the program's handbook linked [here](#). Once a student reaches Level III they will automatically receive an MPhil degree.

Q6. What skills will I learn in the program?

A: The Ph.D. Program in SLHS program provides rigorous training in experimental methods to ensure that those who graduate are prepared to be independent scholars in evidence-based research.

Q7. Will I be a certified speech-language pathologist when I receive my degree?

A: No. The Ph.D. Program in SLHS is a research-based program; there is no clinical certification associated with it.

Q8. What if I'm unsure of what I want to research?

A: That is completely fine. The Ph.D. Program in SLHS has 6 research laboratories at the GC and many affiliated faculty. Students will have the chance to get familiar with faculty's research and to join one or more research labs before deciding what is the best fit for them and their research interests.

Q9. Can I study part-time?

A: Students who are accepted to the program are expected to be full-time students in order to take the required courses, work in the research labs, and meet the expectations of the program. In general, the program discourages students from working full-time while completing their degree.

Q10. Will I obtain teaching experience?

A: Most students will have the opportunity to teach at one of CUNY's 11 senior colleges while they are studying in the Ph.D. program, if they choose to do so.

Q11. Will I get a job after graduating the program?

A: Graduates from the SLHS program at CUNY's Graduate Center have above a 90% job placement rate. Additionally, most students will have the opportunity to teach at one of CUNY's 11 senior colleges while they are studying in the Ph.D. program, if they choose to do so.