Thank you for your interest in the Leveling Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Saint Louis University. The Leveling Program is designed for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in speech-language pathology or audiology and who already have a baccalaureate degree in different discipline. The curriculum of the Leveling Program is based on the undergraduate curriculum in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Saint Louis University, and is designed to provide you with background information necessary to apply to a graduate program in one of these professions.

To become a student in the Leveling Program, you need to apply for undergraduate admission as a non-degree seeking fifth year undergraduate student (you will initially be admitted as a transfer student). You may apply for admission on the website www.slu.edu Undergraduate Admissions Office. An undergraduate degree with cumulative GPA of 3.3 or permission from the Chair (effective Fall, 2013) is required for acceptance into the Leveling Program. The deadline for application is June 15th. Once you have completed the application process, you need to contact the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to set up an appointment to meet with the Coordinator of the Leveling Program to review your transcript(s) and develop a specific plan of study to complete the coursework. The Leveling Program consists of 32 credit hours of coursework (See Leveling Program Plan of Study.) This amount may vary depending on the specific courses you have already completed. This will be determined based on an audit of your transcript and possible further review of course materials (course descriptions, syllabi, assignments, etc.). Do not register for classes until after you have met with the Coordinator or a department representative.

As a student in the Leveling Program, you are not eligible for financial support from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, although you may qualify for support from other sources. Please direct your questions about financial aid to Saint Louis University Financial Aid Office at 314-977-2350.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), our academic program accrediting organization, requires the completion of 25 documented clock hours of observations made of Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology evaluations and/or intervention conducted or supervised by a certified professional. During the time you are completing your leveling coursework, you are encouraged to complete your 25 observation hours. You will need to meet with the Coordinator regarding the policy and procedures for completing these observations and documenting these hours. Leveling students do not participate in clinic at Saint Louis University.

During your tenure as a leveling student you may wish to apply for admission to our graduate program in speech-language pathology. Enrollment in and completion of our Leveling Program does not guarantee your admission to our graduate program or any other. You need to understand that admission to a graduate program is a competitive process. If you apply to our program, you will need to compete for one of the available openings along with other applicants.

I encourage you to visit Saint Louis University and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Please contact me (brennamk@slu.edu) or Vicki Scott at scottva@slu.edu to schedule your visit to the department.

Again, I thank you for your interest in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. I wish you the best as you work to attain your educational and career goals.

Sincerely,

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