

Bachelor of Health Science Program Policy Statement
Department of Communication Science and Disorders
University of Missouri School of Health Professions

All students enrolled in the BHS Program in Communication Science and Disorders in the School of Health Professions are subject to the general regulations of the University.

I. Admission to Professional Curriculum

- A. Students seeking admission to the BHS Program in Communication Science and Disorders must be admitted to the University and should enroll in the School of Health Professions.
- B. Applications should be submitted to the Department by **February 1st** of the student's sophomore year. Applicants will be notified of their admission status (accepted; not accepted; or decision deferred until Spring Semester grades are available) by March 1st. Applications also may be submitted after February 1st for consideration if not all available positions have been filled in the first admissions round.
- C. Applicants must have completed at least 42 semester credit hours of college coursework before applying. Students who are admitted must have completed at least 60 semester credit hours of coursework before beginning the junior- and senior-level coursework in the department.
- D. To be considered for admission to the junior-senior pre-professional program, the applicant's cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be at least 2.75 on a four-point scale, and the applicant's ACT Composite score must be 22 or above. Meeting these minimum criteria, however, does not guarantee acceptance into the Program.
- E. Department faculty will serve as advisors for all preparatory and professional coursework following admission to the BHS Program.

II. Acceptance of Transfer Credit

- A. Transfer students must meet the minimum criteria for consideration for admission and must apply through the same competitive admission process as other students.
- B. Credit in the form of advanced standing will be granted for appropriate academic work completed satisfactorily at another college or university. A maximum of 64 semester hours of credit completed at a junior/community college may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree. Coursework completed at an accredited four-year institution will be accepted without limitation.
- C. Transfer students must complete all coursework required for the BHS in Communication Science and Disorders, including MU general education requirements.
- D. Students must complete the final 24 semester hours of credit enrolled at the University of Missouri.
- E. Students transferring from any other college within the University of Missouri system to the School of Health Professions are considered transfer students.

III. Dual Enrollment for Graduate and Undergraduate Credit in the Same Semester

With the approval of the Deans of the School of Health Professions and Graduate School, seniors who rank in the upper half of their class, have a B average in the most recent 45 semester hours of credit, and are within 12 hours of completing graduation requirements, may dually enroll for up to six semester hours of graduate credit while enrolled as undergraduates. Application for dual enrollment must be completed and approved by the Graduate School within one month after the start of the fall and winter semesters and within three weeks after the start of the summer session. Additional information may be obtained from the Graduate School.

IV. Grade Policy

- A. All required coursework for the BHS program, including requirements outside the department, must be completed with a grade of "C-" or higher. Students who fail to achieve a grade of "C-" or higher will meet with a faculty committee to discuss appropriate alternatives for satisfactory completion of the course requirement.
- B. If a required course is retaken for credit, the higher grade achieved will be used for determining the cumulative GPA.
- C. Term (semester) and cumulative GPAs of 2.5 or higher must be maintained for a student to remain in good standing. If a student fails to achieve a 2.5 term or cumulative GPA, they will be placed on academic probation. Two consecutive semesters of academic probation could result in dismissal from the program.

The University of Missouri complies with the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act and need assistance with this or any portion of the application process, notify us as soon as possible at the address or telephone shown on the enclosed letter. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.