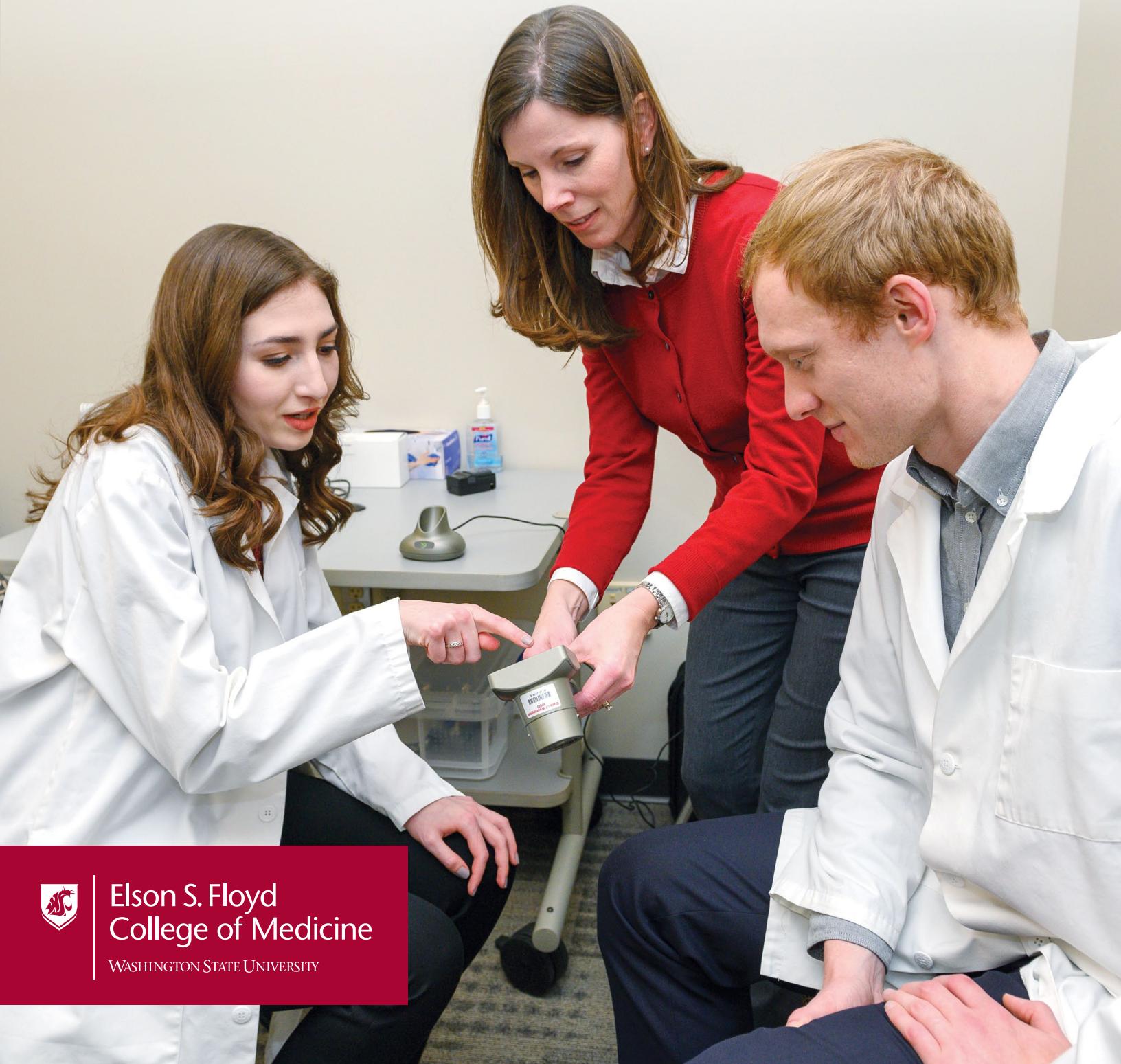


SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES

Preparing speech-language pathologists to provide compassionate, patient-centered care



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Speech and Hearing Sciences emphasizes the physiological, neurological, behavioral, and psychological dimensions of normal and disordered communication across the human life span. Students are prepared as speech-language pathologists to meet the diagnostic and therapy needs of adults and children evidencing a wide variety of speech, swallowing, language, learning, and hearing problems.

DEGREES OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Sciences

The bachelor's degree is a four-year program in which students complete general University requirements and Speech and Hearing Sciences prerequisites in Pullman, or transfer equivalent courses from another 4-year or 2-year institution, and complete their final two years of coursework in the major at the WSU Health Sciences Spokane campus. Classes are student-centered, research-based and writing intensive. Students study the science underlying the range of communication disorders. They also engage in inter-professional opportunities and service learning. The bachelor's degree prepares students for graduate study in speech-language pathology and audiology.

Master of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences

The master's degree is a two-year degree program based at WSU Health Sciences Spokane that includes academic coursework, clinical training, and community outreach, with opportunities to work with well-known scholars on current research. Students gain practical experience working with a wide range of individuals including preschool-age and school-age children with developmental disabilities, college-age students with learning disabilities, and adults with neurological disorders. The master's degree program in speech-language pathology is accredited nationally by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and is recognized by the Washington State Board of Education.



The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences prepares future generations of speech-language pathologists to deliver compassionate, personalized care to individuals over the life span, in medical and educational settings, and across diverse communities. Integrating science and research into clinical problem solving, patient outcomes are maximized from an evidence-based perspective.





INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Nationally recognized faculty with a broad range of expertise.
- One-year post-baccalaureate program available for the returning, non-traditional student.
- On-site clinic utilizing evidence-based treatment approaches and cutting-edge technology.
- Interactive teaching, hands-on learning, and inter-professional and service learning opportunities.
- Undergraduate research opportunities, including lab work with faculty on current research projects.
- Opportunities to engage with students of similar interests through the local chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Study abroad and international/community outreach opportunities

WSU HEALTH SCIENCES SPOKANE

The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences is based on the WSU Health Sciences Spokane campus in the heart of the city's University District. Students will feel at home in the health care-focused environment where research, inter-professional education and community outreach are emphasized in preparation for careers in team-based care..

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 509-368-6824, email speechhearing@wsu.edu, or visit medicine.wsu.edu/speechandhearing.

CAREERS IN SPEECH AND HEARING

A degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities in a fast-growing and in-demand field.

Graduates with a bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences may work as speech-language pathology assistants, research assistants and public health associates. Graduates with a master's degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences typically work as speech-language pathologists in hospitals, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation settings, early intervention settings, public schools, and in private practice.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects faster than average growth for speech-language pathologists and audiologists through 2028. Approximately 42,000 new jobs are anticipated for speech-language pathologists, an increase of 27 percent; and openings for audiologists are expected to grow by 16% or 2,200 new jobs.

