Speech Language Pathology

"The speech-language pathologist is concerned with the study, assessment, and treatment of disorders of speech and language. Speech-language pathologists assess and treat communication disorders in children and adults. Areas of specialization include disorders of developmental language, neurogenic speech and language, fluency, voice, articulation/phonology, swallowing, and alternative and augmentative communication."
(Department of Speech Language Pathology, University of Toronto)

What are the common academic requirements for SLP programs?

4-year Bachelor degree from a recognized university
Minimum mid-B (3.0 GPA) average in the final 1-2 years of full-time study; meeting the minimum does not guarantee admission due to the competitiveness of applications
5-6 prerequisites in areas such as child development, linguistics, phonetics, statistics/research design, human physiology, life science, social science, and psychology
Clinical volunteer or paid experience working with a registered speech language pathologist
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What supporting documents may be required?

What should I include in my personal statement?

Start Early!
SLP programs require a minimum B average. Many look for demonstrated interest in SLP on your application.

Improve your GPA:
Visit the AA&CC and the Centre for Teaching & Learning to improve your academic skills.

Cultivate References:
Get to know your professors. Their research is interesting! Professors who know you fairly well are able to write strong reference letters for you.

Get Involved:
Gain volunteer experiences that demonstrate your skills and ongoing interest in a career in SLP.

Looking for Related Experience?
Review the and tip sheets, attend a workshop or book an appointment with a Career Counsellor or Career Strategist