



Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology

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2021-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

The vision of the South Carolina State University Speech Pathology and Audiology Program (SPA) is to prepare students to become qualified, credentialed service providers in the fields of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

MISSION

The mission of the program in Speech Pathology and Audiology (SPA) is to educate students to function effectively as speech-language pathologists who serve the communicative needs of culturally and linguistically diverse populations in a variety of work settings, utilizing evidence-based practices. Students are provided opportunities to engage in critical clinical decision-making based on empirical evidence, thereby integrating scientific methods and clinical practice. The practical experiences are initiated in and supported by the South Carolina State University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic; and they are continued in sundry off-site settings, including public schools, hospitals, private practices, and rehabilitation centers.

FOCUS AREA 1: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Goal 1 Development of 4 +1 Undergraduate Program
- Goal 2 Development of specialty clinics

FOCUS AREA 2: STUDENT SUCCESS, RETENTION, ENGAGEMENT, RECRUITMENT

- Goal 1 Increase diversity in the undergraduate program
- Goal 2 Increase the number of IPP/IPE: university partnership
- Goal 3 Increase focused seminar and/or grand round offerings
- Goal 4 Cultural sensitivity training

FOCUS AREA 3: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Goal 1 Establish an alumni association
- Goal 2 Increase externship partnerships

FOCUS AREA 4: RESEARCH

- Goal 1 Increase student mentored research initiatives
- Goal 2 Increase grant submissions
- Goal 3: Focused seminar and/or grand round offerings
- Goal 4: Cultural sensitivity training