

# CONTRASTING THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**Therapist  
Neurodiversity  
Collective** International

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**Speech-Language Pathologist  
VS  
BCBA**

BCBAs are not educated or trained to evaluate and treat speech and language disorders, pragmatic and social communication, swallowing and feeding, articulation and phonological processing, motor communication disorders including apraxia, communication disorders secondary to neurological injury or degeneration including aphasia, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

## SLP - SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) have a foundation in preventing, diagnosing, and treating communication disorders and swallowing disorders.

## BCBA - BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST

*Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) have a foundation in behavior analysis.*

## REQUIRED COURSES

Voice Disorders  
Stuttering  
Assessment and Intervention of Language Impairments in Preschool and School-Age Children  
Motor Speech Disorders  
Neurogenic Communication Disorders  
Dysphagia

## REQUIRED COURSES

Experimental Analysis of Behavior: Special Topics  
Learning Principles  
Conceptual Issues in Behavior Analysis  
Behavioral Assessment  
Applied Behavior Analysis  
Behavioral Interventions I  
Research and Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis  
Behavioral Interventions II  
Ethics and Professional Issues in Behavior Analysis  
Research Methods in Behavior Analysis  
Verbal Behavior (Credit Hours: 3)

**23 semester credit hours  
from the following:**

Articulation Disorders  
Augmentative Communication  
Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Audiology  
Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing  
Childhood Apraxia of Speech  
Dysphagia in Public Schools  
Research in Pediatric TBI  
Medical SLP  
Dementia  
Pulmonary Issues  
Tracheostomy and Mechanical Ventilation  
Pediatric Feeding  
Articulation and Phonological Disorders  
Counseling in Communication Disorders  
Bilingual Speech Assessment and Treatment  
Speech Science  
Language Acquisition  
Neurogenic Communication Disorders I  
Neurogenic Communication Disorders II  
Neurological Basis of Language Development  
Laryngectomy  
Craniofacial Disorders  
Advanced Topics in Adult Dysphagia  
Pediatric Dysphagia  
Birth-To-Three  
Preschool Intervention  
Therapy Strategies for School-Age Children  
Seminar in Aphasiology  
Communication and the Aging Brain  
Neural Correlates of Human Cognition: Lesion-Deficit Models  
Auditory-Verbal Methods  
Social Communication in Early Childhood Disorders  
Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury  
Current Research in Autism  
Language Disorders and Reading Disabilities

**6 semester credit hours  
from the following:**

Human Growth and Development  
Psychopathology of Childhood  
Psychoactive Drugs  
Advanced Social Psychology  
Behavioral Medicine  
Biological Basis of Behavior  
Behavioral/Cognitive Therapies  
Advanced Cognitive and Affective Psychology