

# LING 4604 – Practicum in Speech Language Pathology

## Description

LING 4604 is a one-semester field placement course that allows students to pursue personal learning objectives related to the clinical application of research in psycholinguistics, communication differences and disabilities, and language development. The course is worth 0.5 credits and counts toward the requirements of the Linguistics or PCD major.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to take LING 4604, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Fourth-year standing
- Enrollment in the Honours B.Sc. or B.A. in Linguistics with a concentration in Psycholinguistics and Communication Disorders, or the Honours B.Sc. in Psycholinguistics and Communication Disorders
- Completion of LING 2604 and 3604 (Communication Differences and Disabilities I & II)
- Linguistics / PCD major CGPA of at least 10.0

## Important

- All students interested in taking LING 4604 must **submit an application** in advance of the deadline (listed below).
  - You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within 3 days. If you do not receive this, follow up with the practicum coordinator (listed below).
- International students are also required to have a **valid work permit**. Please make sure to touch base with the practicum coordinator for more information on this process.

## How to apply

To apply for the practicum, you must submit:

- the application form – found under “Resources” at <https://carleton.ca/slals/forms-resources/>
- an up-to-date CV
- your unofficial transcript / audit

All of these materials should be compiled into a **single pdf document** and e-mailed to the practicum coordinator – Tamara Sorenson Duncan ([tamara.sorensonduncan@carleton.ca](mailto:tamara.sorensonduncan@carleton.ca)).

## Deadline

In order for your application to be considered, it must be submitted no later than **MAY 24** of the year before you plan to complete the practicum. For example, if you wanted to complete the practicum in Fall 2027 or Winter 2028, you would submit your application by May 24, 2027. The deadline is the same for the Fall and Winter semesters.

You should wait until you have received all (or almost all) of your final grades for the Winter semester before submitting your application.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When will I be notified about the status of my application?

You will receive notification by mid-June.

### How do you decide who is accepted into the practicum?

Applications for LING 4604 are evaluated based on successful completion of LING 2604 and 3604, standing in the program, CGPA, marks in required courses, and demonstrated professionalism. Responses to questions on the application form will also be considered.

### Can I take LING 4604 even if I do not meet all of the eligibility criteria?

Students enrolled in the Psycholinguistics and Communication Disorders (PCD) concentration or major are given priority, assuming that they satisfy the other eligibility criteria. If additional spots are available, consideration will be given first to other LING majors, then to ALDS majors. Students with majors outside of SLALS are generally not eligible.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, you should consult the practicum coordinator or the LING undergraduate advisor.

### Do I need to find my own practicum placement? How do I do that?

Students who are accepted into the practicum will work closely with the practicum coordinator to identify possible sponsors, and will collaborate with the practicum coordinator in contacting these sponsors.

Please **DO NOT** reach out to any potential sponsors until after: (a) you have been accepted into the practicum and (b) you have discussed your plans with the practicum coordinator and received approval. We have established agreements in place with some organizations, and many organizations have strict protocols to follow for securing placements. Not following proper procedures can endanger placement opportunities for you and future students.

### Does LING 4604 have a regular class meeting?

Sort of. In addition to the individual practicum placements, there will be a scheduled class slot for LING 4604 starting in the 2024-2025 academic year. This class slot will be used periodically throughout the semester for meetings focused on topics relevant to students' practicum placements.

### Will I receive a mark for LING 4604? Will it count toward my degree?

LING 4604 is graded on a SAT / UNS basis. It counts toward your degree as a 0.5 credit 4000-level LING course.

### I tried to register for the practicum, but it says that departmental permission is required. What should I do?

In order to officially register for the practicum, you will need to submit an override request. **Do not** submit an override request as a way to indicate your interest in the practicum. You must submit an application (outlined above) to indicate your interest.

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You should only submit an override request to register **after** you have been accepted into the practicum and you have secured a placement. At that point, the practicum coordinator will ensure that your override request is granted. You should check your Carleton e-mail regularly.

- How to request an override: <https://carleton.ca/registration/override-requests/>

### **Course registration begins before practicum acceptance is finalized. What should I do?**

It is very unlikely that your acceptance into LING 4604 will be finalized before it is time to register for courses. Because of this, it is **very strongly recommended** that you register for a “back up” class – not LING 4604 – when your time ticket arrives.

You will be able to switch from your back-up course into LING 4604 once you have been accepted in the practicum **and** secured a placement. There is no danger of LING 4604 “filling up” if you have been accepted.

In contrast, if you do not register for a back-up course and you are not accepted into LING 4604 or cannot secure a practicum placement, it may be difficult for you to switch to another class that interests you and that fulfills the requirements of your degree.

If you have questions about course planning and degree requirements, please consult the undergraduate advisor.

### **What is a CV?**

A CV is essentially an academic resume. It should list the jobs you have had, your volunteer positions, and your education and training. It should also include a list of other accomplishments and/or awards. At this stage of your career, your resume and your CV will be very similar.

- Here is a summary of the differences between a resume and a CV:  
<https://carleton.ca/career/students-alumni/resumes-cv-cover-letters/resume-or-cv/>
- If you have never made a CV, here is a template from Carleton:  
[https://carleton.ca/career/wp-content/uploads/sites/87/2025/05/CV-Template\\_AR-1.pdf](https://carleton.ca/career/wp-content/uploads/sites/87/2025/05/CV-Template_AR-1.pdf)  
Note that it is okay if you don’t have content to put in each of these categories; it is unusual for an undergraduate student to have had all of these experiences already. Fill in what you do have and delete the other sections.

### **Who should I contact if I still have questions?**

For questions about the practicum itself or the practicum application, please contact the practicum coordinator:

Tamara Sorenson Duncan  
[tamara.sorensonduncan@carleton.ca](mailto:tamara.sorensonduncan@carleton.ca)

For questions about course planning and the requirements of your degree, please contact the undergraduate advisor for LING and ALDS:

Karen Jesney  
[karen.jesney@carleton.ca](mailto:karen.jesney@carleton.ca)