



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology: Online Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Program Information:

1. Is the program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)?

Yes, both the residential and online programs for the MA (Master's of Arts) in Speech-Language Pathology are accredited by the CAA through September 30, 2025.

2. What is the general student to professor ratio?

Most classes have between 25–30 students.

3. Do we accept international students?

Yes. Students may need to take the TOEFL test and demonstrate English competency in written and oral forms. During practicum and internships, students need to be supervised by an ASHA certified supervisor even if the supervisor is practicing and certified in another country. In addition, transcripts from countries outside of the United States may not be processed by the CSDCAS. Therefore, it may be helpful for applicants from outside of the U.S. to contact the program for support.

Admission:

4. How competitive is admission to the program?

We receive a high number of applications every year. [Admissions Data](#) are available.

5. How do we evaluate applications?

Applications are considered using the GPA for the last 60 completed credits (minimum 3.0 requirement) as well as GPA for major coursework. In addition, letters of recommendation and responses to a variety of prompts are evaluated for the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies and to determine their fit for the program. Additionally, the applicant's transcripts and resume are reviewed for undergraduate academic rigor as well as specialized skills and leadership. In order to participate in the program, online students must be able to obtain employment as an SLPA or equivalent to obtain practicum hours.

6. Am I required to take the GRE?

No, the GRE is not required for admission.



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Other Undergraduate Degrees:

7. Do I need to have an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders to participate in the program?

This program assumes an undergraduate background in Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, or Communication Sciences and Disorders. Students who do not have such a background must complete a core of undergraduate classes prior to beginning the program.

In addition to the core leveling courses, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association requires students to take a core of liberal arts courses. These requirements are often met through a student's general education. Please refer to the [Required Undergraduate Participation link](#) for detailed course descriptions.

Core Classes:

- CSD 260 Phonetics
- CSD 266 Language Development
- CSD 267 Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
- CSD 343 Bioacoustics
- CSD 360 Articulation and Voice Disorders
- CSD 365 Language Disorders
- CSD 370 Basic Audiology
- CSD 469 Clinical Processes in Speech-Language Pathology
- CSD 478 Aural Rehabilitation
- Highly desired: CSD 366 Language Sampling

ASHA Requirements:

- Statistics
- Social Sciences (Psychology or Sociology)
- Biology e.g., BIO 101
- Physical Science (Chemistry or Physics)

Additional Suggested Courses:

- Mathematics – College Algebra or higher preferred
- Highly desired: Anatomy and Physiology of the 'whole body'

8. If I do not have an undergraduate background in Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, or Communication Sciences and Disorders, are there online programs through which I can complete the prerequisite coursework?

At this point we do not offer the complete leveling sequence online. Courses such as CSD 266, 365, 370, 469, and 478 are often offered online in the summer semester. These courses are offered at a flat rate, meaning the cost is the same for in-state and out-of-state students.



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There are also a number of universities that have postbaccalaureate or leveling programs for students who are interested in completing undergraduate coursework in preparation for graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology. The list provided below does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any of these programs and may not be comprehensive. It is provided for informational purposes only.

Possible online post-baccalaureate or leveling program options:

- California State University Northridge
- California State University San Marcos
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Florida State University
- Idaho State University
- Longwood University
- LaSalle University
- Northwestern University
- Pacific University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Florida
- University of Montana
- University of Nebraska Kearney
- University of Northern Texas
- University of South Florida
- University of Vermont
- University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
- Western Kentucky University

9. If my pre-requisite courses are incomplete, can I be admitted to the program or should I wait to apply after I am done with my course work?

We suggest you wait until your pre-requisite courses are complete before applying. If you have one or two classes that you are missing, you could feasibly complete them while being enrolled in the graduate program, or between the time you are accepted into the program and when you start.

10. Am I able to transfer credits from another master's degree that I already have?

Possibly. Classes must meet the requirements of our pre-requisite classes. You may be able to transfer up to 9 credits.

11. Can I take one of your courses if I am not enrolled in the master's degree program?

No, classes are only available to currently enrolled students.

Financial Information:

12. What are the tuition and fees?

Please see the link for tuition, financial aid & health insurance on the [Extended Campus webpage](#).

13. Are scholarships or financial assistance available?

No scholarships are available through UNC for online students. Please see the [Extended Campus webpage](#) regarding financial aid.