

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology (MA) Required Undergraduate Preparation

Completion of an undergraduate program in speech-language sciences, audiology, or communication disorders is required prior to beginning the master's degree program. Applicants who possess a degree in another discipline must complete the core undergraduate coursework in communication disorders.

Course #	Name	Description
ASLS-260	Introduction to Phonetics	Characteristics of American English speech sounds and the International Phonetic Alphabet symbols used to represent them. Normal phonological development.
ASLS-343	Fundamentals of Physical and Biological Acoustics	The physics of sound as it relates to speech and hearing.
ASLS-266	Normal Speech and Language Development	Normal speech and language development and their relationship to other aspects of child development.
ASLS-267	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism	Structure and function of the speech and auditory/vestibular mechanisms.
ASLS-360	Articulation and Voice Disorders	Current information regarding identification, causation, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of articulation and voice disorders.
ASLS-365	Language Disorders in Children	Analysis of aspects of language as they relate to treatment of language disorders in children.
ASLS-370	Basic Audiology	Pathologies and disorders of the auditory vestibular system, pure-tone testing, methods of speech audiometry, interpretation of audiometric data in terms of physical, social and educational effects.
ASLS-469	Clinical Processes in Speech-Language Pathology	Diagnosis and treatment of communication disorders. Test construction, administration, scoring and interpretation of data from tests, observation and inventories. Development of treatment programs, evidence-based practice, ethics, and client-clinician relationships. Note: This is not practicum.
ASLS-478	Aural Rehabilitation and Amplification	A study of basic principles of aural rehabilitation and the use of amplification systems for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing including personal hearing aids and other specialized assistive listening/alerting devices.

ASHA Required Foundation Courses

Statistics	Biological Sciences
Physical Sciences (physics or chemistry)	Behavioral or Social Sciences

Courses in these areas may be completed through UNC, Community Colleges, or other university /colleges. Please note it is very difficult to make up deficiencies during the graduate program due to the full-time nature of the program.

Recommended Courses

Math – College algebra or higher	Human anatomy and physiology
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