

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology
On-Campus 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, 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 24-26 students.

3. Do we accept international students?

Yes, we welcome international students in the program. Students 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.

4. Is the program's approach more theoretical or pragmatic?

Our program approach is both pragmatic and theoretical. We provide support for our students using a clinician-researcher model. Please see the clinic video for more information about our educational approach.

5. What career planning and job search assistance is available through the department?

Our program has a job board where information about opportunities is posted for students to access. Additionally, there is an on-campus center that offers counseling, job search training, and employment leads located in the University Center. The program has a 100% employment rate for students after graduation.

Admission:

6. How competitive is admission to the program?

We receive a high number of applications every year. Admissions data is available at

<http://www.unco.edu/nhs/asls/AdmissionsDataMASLPResidential.html>

7. How do we evaluate applicants?

Applications are considered using overall GPA (minimum 3.0 requirement), major GPA and GRE scores. In addition, letters of recommendation and the personal statement are evaluated for the

applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies. Additionally, the applicant's transcripts and resume are reviewed for undergraduate academic rigor as well as specialized skills and leadership.

8. How often do students on the waitlist typically get accepted into the program?

Approximately 30% of students on the waitlist are accepted into the program, though this varies from year to year.

9. Why was my application denied?

Please see questions 2 and 3 listed above for information about how we evaluate applicants and admissions data.

10. Am I required to take the GRE?

A GRE score is required as part of the application. GRE scores are considered in conjunction with grades and letters of recommendation. GRE scores must be no more than 5 years old. GRE scores are not required but are encouraged for applicants who have a master's degree.

11. I currently have a master's degree that did not require me to take the GRE. Do I still need to submit a GRE for this program?

No, you do not.

Other Undergraduate Degrees

12. 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 have often been met through a student's general education. Please see the document with course descriptions attached to this website for more information about course content and requirements (listed under Required Undergraduate Participation).

Core Classes:

ASLS 260 Phonetics

ASLS 266 Language Development

ASLS 267 Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms

ASLS 343 Bioacoustics

ASLS 360 Articulation and Voice Disorders

ASLS 365 Language Disorders

ASLS 370 Basic Audiology

ASLS 469 Clinical Processes in Speech-Language Pathology

ASLS 478 Aural Rehabilitation

Highly desired: ASLS 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'

13. 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. We offer ASLS 266, 365, 370, 469, and 478 online in the summer semester. There are also a number of universities that have post-baccalaureate 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.

Eastern New Mexico University

Idaho State University

Longwood University

LaSalle University

Red Rocks Community College

Texas Women's University

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of South Florida

University of Wyoming

Utah State University

Western Kentucky University

14. 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 online while be enrolled in the graduate program.

15. 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.

16. 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:

17. What are the tuition and fees?

Please see the link for tuition calculator (listed under Tuition Master's Tier 2) on this website.

18. Are scholarships or financial assistance available?

Each year we typically award a number of graduate assistantships (contingent upon funding). These are awarded based upon merit. We have been fortunate to offer other smaller awards as well. To apply for an assistantship or other program-level awards, please use the link on the program page for department awards. Complete the application and send it directly to the program as soon as possible. If you would like additional financial aid information, please see the UNC website.