

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**  
**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, 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 – 27 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 even if the supervisor is practicing and certified in another country.

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## **Admission:**

### **4. 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/audiology-speech-language-sciences/programs/slp-online/slp-admissions-data-online.aspx>

### **5. How do we evaluate applications?**

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. 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?**

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.

### **7. 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:**

### **8. 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: <https://www.unco.edu/nhs/audiology-speech-language-sciences/pdf/maslp-ugrad-prep.pdf>

### **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’

**9. 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.

**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

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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:**

**13. What are the tuition and fees?**

Please see the link for tuition, financial aid & health insurance on the Extended Campus web page:

[extended.unco.edu/programs/speech-language-pathology/masters/tuition-financial-aid.asp](http://extended.unco.edu/programs/speech-language-pathology/masters/tuition-financial-aid.asp)

**14. Are scholarships or financial assistance available?**

No scholarships are available through UNC for online students.  
Please see #13 regarding financial aid.