

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**  
**Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology**

***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

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, 2017

2. 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>

3. 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.

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  
Anatomy and physiology

4. 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 on-line. We offer ASLS 266, 365, 370 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  
<http://liberal-arts.enmu.edu/health/cdis/online.shtml>

Idaho State University  
<http://www.isu.edu/csed/progOpp/opp.shtml>

Longwood University  
<http://www.longwood.edu/socialworkcsds/SLPonline.htm>

LaSalle University  
[http://www.lasalle.edu/schools/snhs/pre\\_slp/](http://www.lasalle.edu/schools/snhs/pre_slp/)

Red Rocks Community College  
<http://www.rrcc.edu/communication/index.html>

Texas Women's University  
<http://www.twu.edu/communication-sciences/5950.asp>

University of Colorado at Boulder  
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University of South Florida  
[http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/academics/CAS/academics/nd\\_lsh.php](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/academics/CAS/academics/nd_lsh.php)

University of Wyoming  
<http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/comdis/info.asp?p=12471>

Utah State University  
<http://comd.usu.edu/htm/online-education/online-post-bachelors-degree>

Western Kentucky University  
<http://www.wku.edu/chhs/cms/index.php/pre-slp/>

5. 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. If you would like additional financial aid information, please see the UNC website.

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. Can I take one of your courses if I am not enrolled in the Masters Degree program?

No, classes are only available to currently enrolled students.

8. 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.

9. How do we evaluate applicants?

Applications are considered using overall GPA, 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.