

# COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (ONLINE)

The Communication Disorders curriculum provides specialized preparation for students who would like to work as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) and those who plan to enter a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology. Students supplement their academic study of typical communication development, communication disorders, and clinical management with observation of the clinical experience in the department's Edgar R. Garrett Speech and Hearing Center and/or via alternative clinical education such as virtual patients. Students must maintain a grade of B or better in all Speech Language Hearing Sciences (SPHS) courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher, to remain in the program.

The undergraduate program fulfills all educational requirements needed for certification as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Details regarding certification are available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<http://www.asha.org/certification/>) (ASHA), and for those seeking a license as Apprentice in Speech-Language (ASL) in New Mexico, information can be found on the website of the New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department ([http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech\\_language\\_pathology\\_audiology\\_and\\_hearing\\_aid\\_dispensing\\_practices.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech_language_pathology_audiology_and_hearing_aid_dispensing_practices.aspx)).

Professional employment opportunities for speech-language pathologists and audiologists are numerous within settings such as school systems, community clinics, medical centers, hospitals, private practice, residential programs, and schools for individuals with disabilities.

## Program Requirements

Required coursework (120 credits; minimum 48 upper-division credits)

Electives to meet the 120 minimum credit hours for this degree can either come from any minor that a student chooses to pursue or any other elective courses not counting elsewhere towards the degree. Recommended minors for this degree are Linguistics, Spanish, or Counseling and Educational Psychology.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300/3000 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<i>General Education</i>		
<i>Area I: English and Communication</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	

<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (or higher) <sup>1</sup>	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)	4
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music	4
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
ENGL 1410G	Introduction to Literature	3
or PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i>		
Choose one of the following:		3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Viewing a Wider World Courses (must be from two different colleges) <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
CEPY 3210V	Human Relations Training	
A second VWW course must be outside the College of HEST and available through the NMSU Online Campus		
<b>Departmental/College Requirements</b>		
SPHS 2110	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
SPHS 4720	Audiology	3
SPHS 4610	Language Acquisition	3
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science	3
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span	3
SPHS 4720	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms	3
SPHS 4810	Clinical Methods and Procedures	3
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation	3
<b>Non- Departmentals Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW)</b>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
CEPY 4150	Psychology, Multiculturalism and Counseling	3
FCST 2110	Infancy Through Middle Childhood in the Family	3
FCST 2135	Adolescent Development and the Family	3
or FCST 2140	Adult Development and Aging	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
PHLS 3220	Foundations of Public Health	3
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
PSYC 3110	Experimental Methods	0,4
PSYC 340	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 375	Psychology and the Brain	3
<b>Second Language: (see below)</b>		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I <sup>3</sup>	3
or SPAN 1110	Spanish I	
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II <sup>3</sup>	3
or SPAN 1120	Spanish II	
<b>Electives, to bring total credits to 120 <sup>4</sup></b>		<b>15</b>

8 credits must be upper-division

**Total Credits 120-124**

- <sup>1</sup> MATH 1220G College Algebra is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1220G first.
- <sup>2</sup> See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>3</sup> SPAN 1110 Spanish I/SPAN 1120 Spanish II or an advanced Spanish course
- <sup>4</sup> Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

## A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1220G College Algebra and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

### First Year

Semester 1		Credits
FALL		
SPHS 2110	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

Semester 2		Credits
SPRING		
SPHS 4610	Language Acquisition	3
BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)	4
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
First Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

Semester 3		Credits
SUMMER		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
ENGL 1410G or PHIL 1145G	Introduction to Literature or Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	3
Next Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### Second Year

Semester 1		Credits
FALL		
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3

SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

Semester 2		Credits
SPRING		
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science	3
Choose one from the following:		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

Semester 3		Credits
SUMMER		
SPHS 4520	Audiology	3
SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

Third Year		Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
FALL		
CEPY 3210V	Human Relations Training	3
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music	4
PSYC 3110	Experimental Methods	0-4
FCST 2110	Infancy Through Middle Childhood in the Family	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10-14</b>

Semester 2		Credits
SPRING		
PSYC 375	Psychology and the Brain	3
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
SPHS 4810	Clinical Methods and Procedures	3
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

Semester 3		Credits
SUMMER		
PHLS 3220	Foundations of Public Health	3
CEPY 4150	Psychology, Multiculturalism and Counseling	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

Fourth Year		Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
SPHS 4720	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms	3
Upper Division Elective Course(s)		6
VWW - Viewing a Wider World Course <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

Semester 2		Credits
SPRING		
PSYC 340	Cognitive Psychology	3
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders	3
Upper Division Elective Course		2
FCST 2135 or FCST 2140	Adolescent Development and the Family or Adult Development and Aging	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>

**Total Credits 113-117**

<sup>1</sup> The VWW Course must be outside the College of Health, Education and Social Transformation and be facilitated through the NMSU Online section offerings see the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a complete list of VWW Courses and refer to the Course Schedule for the available campus offerings.