

# COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (ONLINE)

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The Graduate Certificate in Communication Disorders curriculum provides specialized preparation for students who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than Communication Disorders/Speech Language Hearing Sciences and who plan to enter a graduate program in speech-language pathology/audiology or who would like to work as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A).

The Graduate Certificate in Communication Disorders fulfills all educational requirements to enter a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. This program also meets 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 (30 credits)

Students must have completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than Communication Disorders with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>Departmental/College Requirements</b>		
SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
SPHS 4520	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>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>