

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - MASTER OF ARTS

Students entering the graduate program with an undergraduate major in Communication Disorders can expect to complete the program in two years if they enroll full-time or in three years if they enroll part-time and be awarded a Masters of Arts in Communication Disorders with a specialization in Speech-Language Pathology. The graduate program for students without a Communication Disorders background is generally one year longer because one year of leveling is required. Enrollment in graduate courses in Communication Disorders is limited to students who have been accepted into the graduate program in Communication Disorders. To complete this course of study, each student is expected to meet the program's academic and clinical competency criteria which are aligned with the requirements of state and national certifying bodies for licensure and clinical certification. Details regarding certification are available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<http://www.asha.org/certification/>) (ASHA), and the New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department (http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech_language_pathology_audiology_and_hearing_aid_dispensing_practices.aspx).

The residential Master of Arts education program in speech-language pathology at New Mexico State University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

Program Requirements

The traditional Master's degree plan requires a minimum of 62 graduate credit hours and the completion of at least 400 clinical hours.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<i>Required Courses</i>		
SPHS 5110	Research Methods	3
SPHS 5120	Assessment of Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 5130	Pediatric Language and Disorders	3
SPHS 5210	School Age Language and Disorders	3
SPHS 5140	Speech Sound Disorders	3
SPHS 5220	Adult Neurogenic Language Disorders	3
SPHS 5350	Voice Disorders/Head and Neck Anomalies	3
SPHS 5230	Fluency Disorders	3
SPHS 5330	Dysphagia	3
SPHS 5340	Motor Speech Disorders	3
SPHS 5410	Professional Issues and Multicultural Practices in Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 5988	Clinical Education	2
SPHS 5990	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	13
SPHS 5989	Externship in Communication Disorders	9
Elective Courses - Choose 6 credits from the following: 6		
HEST 5110	Interprofessional Education and Learning: Foundations of Collaborative Practice	
SPHS 5320	Cognitive Communication Disorders	
SPHS 5335	Swallowing and its Disorders in the Pediatric Population	
SPHS 5310	Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication	

SPHS 5360	Communication Disorders in Neurodiverse Populations	
SPHS 5520	Best Practices in Bilingual/Multicultural Assessment for Practitioners	
SPHS 5996	Special Topics	
Total Credits		63

Leveling Program

The Leveling Program is designed for students with an undergraduate degree other than Communication Disorders. The courses to be taken during the leveling year are listed below. In addition to these courses, students who did not complete at least one 3-credit hour course in all of the following subjects: Biology, Physics or Chemistry, and Statistics before starting the leveling program should also plan on completing these courses.

Prefix	Title	Credits
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
SPHS 4520	Audiology	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
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science	3
SPHS 4610	Language Acquisition	3
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span	3
SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
Total Credits		30