

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

General Information

The NMSU Department of Communication Disorders offers in-person and online undergraduate programs leading to a **Bachelor of Science degree** and an in-person graduate program leading to a **Master's degree** in Speech-Language Pathology. The Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology satisfies the educational requirements to obtain **state licensure** and **national certification** in Speech-Language Pathology.

Further information regarding the fields of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology may be obtained on the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<http://www.asha.org>) website. Information about the NM license requirements can be found on the New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department (http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech_language_pathology_audiology_and_hearing_aid_dispersing_practices.aspx) website.

Undergraduate Information

The NMSU undergraduate program in Communication Disorders offers a *pre-professional* **Bachelor of Science degree** that prepares students for graduate work in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. Students who complete a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders may either go on to complete a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, complete a doctoral degree in Audiology, or complete additional supervised clinical hours to become a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) or Apprentice of Speech-Language Pathology (ASL). The State of New Mexico does not license Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, but it may do so in the future.

Students who have declared a major in Communication Disorders are required to successfully complete a minimum of 120 credits for the Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders. This includes a minimum of 48 upper-division credits and a minimum of 9 credits from an approved list of electives.

Graduate Information

The Department of Communication Disorders at NMSU offers a **Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology**, which meets the educational requirements for certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) (<https://www.asha.org/#https://www.asha.org/>) as well as the educational requirements for state licensure in all states within the U.S. Students entering the graduate program with an undergraduate major in Communication Disorders can expect to complete the program in two years (including the summer between the two years) and be awarded a Masters of Arts in Communication Disorders with a specialization in Speech-Language Pathology. To complete this course of study, each student is expected to meet the program's academic and clinical competency criteria aligned with the requirements of state and national certifying bodies for licensure and clinical certification. The graduate program for students without a background in Communication Disorders is generally one year longer because one year of leveling coursework is required.

Information for Prospective Students

The Master of Arts (M.A.) residential 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) (<http://www.asha.org/>), 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

Please apply to our graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology via the CSDCAS (<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>). The deadline for applications is February 1st of each year.