SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, M.A.

The M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and provides academic and clinical instruction sufficient for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in speech-language pathology awarded by ASHA and licensure in the state of North Carolina.

The program requires 66 credit hours (34 credits in academic course work and 32 credits in clinical coursework, excluding clinical practicum credits earned) and provides a lifespan approach for advanced study of language, speech, swallowing, non-speech communication systems, and hearing in persons of all ages. The UNC Greensboro Speech and Hearing Center, the hearing and speech laboratories, and a variety of human service agencies provide ample practical and research experiences.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit a written personal statement, not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages, focusing on the applicant’s unique qualifications and interests in the field of speech-language pathology and the master’s program at UNC Greensboro.

Students are admitted for full-time study only. Permission for exceptions must be approved by faculty. Typically, students are enrolled full-time for two consecutive academic years including one summer session.

Students without an undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders should expect to spend approximately one year taking pre-professional courses (see Undergraduate Bulletin, CSD major) required for graduate course work and should consult with advisors in this program for course selection that will meet degree, certification, and licensure requirements.

Upon admission, students will be assigned an academic advisor, who will provide information regarding academic and clinical aspects of the program.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 66 credit hours

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<td>CSD 632</td>
<td>Introduction to Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
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Select one course (3 credits) from the following:

- CSD 633 Special Projects in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- CSD 699 Thesis

Required Professional Area Courses

Required: 28 credit hours

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Clinical Practicum

Select 32 credits from the following:

- CSD 638 Minor Area Clinical Practicum for Speech-Language Pathology Majors
- CSD 671 Beginning Clinical Practice in Speech-Language Pathology
- CSD 677 Internship in Communication Disorders
- CSD 678 Advanced Clinical Practice in Speech-Language Pathology

1. Non-thesis students must take this course.
2. Thesis students must also enroll in this course.
3. In consultation with an academic advisor in the discipline.
4. In order to meet requirements for clinical certification and state licensure, students must complete specific clinical practicum requirements.

Collateral Expertise

Additional courses may be selected to meet basic science requirements for certification or licensure from the following:

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<td>CSD 601</td>
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Capstone Experience

Non-thesis degree candidates will complete the research courses CSD 632 Introduction to Research in Communication Sciences and...
Disorders and CSD 633 Special Projects in Communication Sciences and Disorders as capstone experiences. Thesis students will complete CSD 632 and CSD 699.

Note: Fully admitted students will become academically ineligible to continue in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders under any of the following circumstances:

- Academic Ineligibility
- Grades of U, F, or WF are received in any course;
- Grades of C+ or C are received in more than 6 semester hours;
- Grades of C+ or C are received in CSD 678 Advanced Clinical Practice in Speech-Language Pathology; or
- The required 3.0 for graduation is not achieved within the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree.

**Residence Requirement**

In most cases, students will enroll as full-time students in the fall semester and continue full-time enrollment for the subsequent four semesters.