Speech-Language Pathology Programs Handbook
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Speech-Language Pathology

Welcome!

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) offers programs for individuals interested in becoming speech-language pathologists. Graduates of our programs assume leadership roles in developmental, educational and healthcare settings across the state; demonstrate a commitment to inclusiveness and equity in their interactions with clients/patients across the lifespan with diverse needs; serve as exemplars of a collaborative spirit as they interact with other professionals, families and community agencies; and model intellectual vitality as they examine and implement research and best practices in their work settings.

Our Mission

The mission of the Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Minor and the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program is to prepare speech-language pathologists for lifelong success by providing an excellent student-centered learning environment to prepare them for advanced study and professional careers in speech-language pathology. We accomplish our mission by offering a curriculum that fosters critical thinking and inquiry while promoting an understanding of human communication and communicative disorders as well as the knowledge, skills, and values to ultimately serve individuals with communication disorders from diverse cultural–linguistic backgrounds across the lifespan. This mission is consistent with the mission of the College of Education and emphasizes the core values of the College: leadership, inclusiveness and equity, intellectual vitality, and collaborative spirit.

The affiliated distance delivered graduate program with East Carolina University enables Alaskan candidates to earn a Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders while remaining in Alaska. This program allows students to become fully qualified speech-language pathologists to serve Alaskans with communication disorders in developmental, educational, and health care settings.

Our Programs

**Minor in Speech-Language Pathology:** This program provides candidates with an overview of the nature of human communication, including its origin, development and process. Candidates will also be introduced to common communication disorders and their impact on communication across the lifespan. The minor allows students to prepare for graduate study in speech-language pathology. It also enables students in related majors to obtain information that will facilitate service delivery for individuals with speech, language, and/or hearing impairment.

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Speech-Language Pathology:** This program prepares professionals who already have baccalaureate degrees for application to graduate programs in speech-language pathology. It also enables individuals in related fields to obtain information that will facilitate service delivery for individuals with speech, language, and/or hearing impairment. As the courses are available by distance delivery the SLP Post-Baccalaureate Certificate meets the needs of the entire state.
Master’s Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders: The affiliated distance program with East Carolina University is designed for individuals who desire graduate training in speech-language pathology to become fully qualified speech-language pathologists to serve clients with diverse communication disabilities across the lifespan. The program encompasses theory, research, and clinical practice relating to individuals who experience communication disorders.

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Minor in Speech-Language Pathology

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Students majoring in another subject who wish to minor in speech-language pathology must complete the following requirements:

- EDSL A201 Foundations of Communication Disorders 3 cr.
- EDSL A301 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing 3 cr.
- EDSL A302 Phonetics 3 cr.
- EDSL A303 Language Development Across the Lifespan 3 cr.
- EDSL A401 Phonology and Articulation Development and Disorders 3 cr.
  (EDSL A302 Phonetics must be taken prior to or concurrently with this course)
- EDSL A402 Audiology 3 cr.
- EDSL A403 Aural Rehabilitation 3 cr.
- Total Credits 21 cr.

All courses are 3 credits. A total of 21 credits is required for this minor.

* Special note: To apply to the affiliated graduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders through East Carolina University students must also complete:

- EDSL A410 Speech Science 3 cr.
- EDSL A411 Neurological Foundations of Speech and Language 3 cr.
  (prerequisite: EDSL A301 or BIOL A100 or BIOL A111 or BIOL A113 or BIOL A114 with a grade of C or better)

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program students will be able to:

1. Recognize typically developing speech and language skills across the lifespan.
2. Compare and contrast the impact of physiological variables (respiration, phonation, resonance, articulation, mentation, audition) on communication.
3. Identify common disorders that affect the ability to communicate across the lifespan.
4. Critically evaluate the impact of speech, language and hearing disorders on communication processes across the lifespan.
5. Critically evaluate issues pertaining to cultural and linguistic diversity.

**Background Check Requirements**

Information on background checks can be found under Field Placements located on the College of Education website at [https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm).

**Program Requirements**

This program includes courses delivered by distance. Admitted students must have the technological knowledge and skills to engage in distance learning.

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Speech-Language Pathology** [www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/degrees](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/degrees)

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Speech-Language Pathology prepares professionals who already have baccalaureate degrees for application to graduate programs in speech-language pathology. It also enables individuals in related fields to obtain information that will facilitate service delivery for individuals with speech, language, and/or hearing impairment.

Those students who already have a baccalaureate degree may obtain a Speech-Language Pathology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate by completing the following requirements.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes**

Students graduating with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Speech Language Pathology will be able to:

1. Identify anatomical structures and physiological processes that support the communication and swallowing processes.
2. Describe the role of the systems of respiration, phonation, and articulation/resonance in the production of a spoken word.
3. Identify milestones in normal speech and language development.
4. Identify common disorders that affect the ability to communicate.
5. Discuss the impact of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds on speech and language development and determination of speech or language difference vs. disorder.

Admission Requirements

1. Satisfy the Admission Requirements for Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs.
2. Complete the UAA Undergraduate Application for Admission, available on the UAA Admissions website.

Admission to the College of Education Special Education Department

In order to be admitted to the College of Education as a Speech-Language Pathology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program candidate, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a departmental application for admission to the program by one of the following dates: March 1, August 1 or November 1. Please be aware that the admission deadlines for UAA may vary from those of the Special Education Department. For financial aid purposes, applicants must adhere to the deadlines established for the UAA Undergraduate Application for Admission.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 for the baccalaureate degree.
3. If accepted you will need to complete a State of Alaska Background Check [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm)

Academic Progress Requirements

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Graduation Requirements

Complete the University Requirements for Post-Baccalaureate Certificates [http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/postbaccalaureaterequirements/](http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/postbaccalaureaterequirements/).

Complete the Major Requirements below. Satisfaction of all major requirements must be demonstrated through coursework completed after the award of the student's first baccalaureate degree.

Major Requirements

- **EDSL A301**  Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing  3 cr.
- **EDSL A302**  Phonetics  3 cr.
- **EDSL A303**  Language Development Across the Lifespan  3 cr.
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Total Credits: 24 cr.

A total of 24 credits is required for the certificate.

**Program Requirements**

The College of Education allows access to coursework through a variety of methodologies and delivery formats, including distance education. Candidates must have the technological knowledge, skills, and access to engage in distance learning.

**1 year sequence**

**Fall #1**
- EDSL A301  Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing
- EDSL A302  Phonetics
- EDSL A401  Phonology and Articulation Development and Disorders
- EDSL A410  Speech Science

**Spring #1**
- EDSL A303  Language Development Across the Lifespan
- EDSL A402  Audiology
- EDSL A403  Aural Rehabilitation
- EDSL A411  Neurological Foundations of Speech and Language

**2 year rotation recommended sequence**

**Fall #1**
- EDSL A301  Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing
- EDSL A302  Phonetics

**Spring #1**
- EDSL A303  Language Development Across the Lifespan
- EDSL A402  Audiology

**Fall #2**
- EDSL A401  Phonology and Articulation Development and Disorders
- EDSL A410  Speech Science
The affiliated Master of Science in Communications Sciences and Disorders distance program with East Carolina University is designed for individuals who desire graduate training in speech-language pathology. This program addresses the severe shortage of speech-language pathologists in Alaska. It enables students to become fully qualified speech-language pathologists to serve clients with diverse communication disabilities across the lifespan in developmental, school and health settings. The program encompasses theory, research, and clinical practice relating to individuals who experience communication disorders. Students take academic coursework via distance delivery from East Carolina University. They complete clinical internships through UAA.

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology OR have a Bachelor’s Degree in any field AND take the required prerequisite courses in speech-language pathology. UAA undergraduate students can obtain the speech-language pathology prerequisite courses by completing the Minor in Speech-Language Pathology and taking the following 2 additional courses:

- EDSL A410 Speech Science 3 cr.
- EDSL A411 Neural Foundations of Speech and Language 3 cr.

Individuals who have a Bachelor’s Degree in another field may complete the speech-language pathology prerequisites by enrolling in the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program in Speech-Language Pathology.

**Requirements for Admission to the Affiliated Graduate Program with East Carolina University**

Admission is primarily determined based on GPA and GRE scores.

- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of **3.0** or higher and **3.2** for the prerequisite speech-language courses.
- GRE scores greater than the 30th percentile minimum (each subtest) and preferably greater than 50th percentile. [http://www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)
In addition to the speech-language pathology prerequisite courses, students applying to any graduate program in speech-language pathology must also have:

- A graduate or undergraduate statistics course
- At least 6 credits in biological/physical sciences (preferably physics)
- At least 6 credits in social/behavioral sciences

Application to the Affiliated Graduate Program

- All application materials are due to ECU by January 1 prior to the fall semester of admission to the graduate program [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/de.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/de.cfm).
- 5 seats are reserved for Alaskan candidates who meet the admission requirements. If additional seats are available eligible Alaskan candidates may be admitted up to a limit of 10.

If You Are Accepted to the Alaska Cohort

- Completion of the graduate degree takes approximately 3-3 ½ years.
- Students earn a M.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from East Carolina University (ECU).
- Students complete academic graduate courses through ECU via distance delivery.
  - Students pay out-of-state tuition for the academic courses [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/de_tuition.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/de_tuition.cfm)
  - For scholarship and financial aid information for the ECU graduate courses please contact ECU directly.
- Students complete all clinical internships (12 credits total) through UAA at UAA tuition rates.
  - Internships range from 7-15 weeks depending on the site and the needs of the student.
  - The first clinical placement for all students is in the UAA Summer Speech-Language Clinic in Anchorage the summer following the first academic year of the graduate program.
  - Our intent is to keep students in Alaska for all internship placements, however, due to limited sites, an out of state medical placement may be necessary during the 3rd year.
- Students will need to complete a State of Alaska Background Check [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/currentstudents/field-experiences/background-checks.cfm)
Useful Links and Websites

ASHA Code of Ethics
http://www.asha.org/Code-of-Ethics/

Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology
https://www.asha.org/policy/SP2016-00343/

2014 Standards and Implementation Procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology

Alaska Professional Licensing for SLPs
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/AudiologistsandSpeech-LanguagePathologists.aspx

Alaska State Teacher Certification Requirements for SLPs
https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Standards
http://education.alaska.gov/standards/

Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools
https://education.alaska.gov/standards/

Cultural Competence
http://www.asha.org/PRPPrintTemplate.aspx?folderid=8589935230

Cultural Competence Resources
http://www.asha.org/PRPSpecificTopic.aspx?folderid=8589935230&section=Resources

Self-Assessment for Cultural Competence
http://www.asha.org/practice/multicultural/self/

UAA College of Education:
http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe

College of Education Forms page:
http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/formsandhandbooks.cfm

University of Alaska Anchorage:
http://www.uaa.alaska.edu

University of Alaska Anchorage 2017-2018 Academic Catalog
https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/catalogs/index.cshml
UAOnline
http://uaonline.alaska.edu

UAA IT Services
http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/informationtechnologyservices

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