

Leveling Program

If a student has a bachelor's degree in a different discipline they must complete a core set of leveling courses. These courses can be completed in one academic year on campus at UW.

Prerequisites for applying to UW MS-SLP program:

- SPPA 2210 Phonetics and Phonological Development
- SPPA 3265 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech, Swallow, & Hearing
- SPPA 3160 Speech & Language Development
- SPPA 4340 Basic Audiology

Required (must be completed prior to MS completion):

- SPPA 4150 Aural Rehabilitation
- SPPA 4380 Neurological Basis of Communication

Foundational courses: 1 Biological Science course, 1 Physical Sciences course (Physics/or Chemistry), 1 statistics course, 1 Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences course. See <https://www.asha.org/Certification/Course-Content-Areas-for-SLP-Standards/>

Recommended coursework:

- SPPA 4250 Clinical Methods
- SPPA 4240 Speech & Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
- American Sign Language Coursework



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The Division of Communication Disorders applies the University's Equal Education and Employment Opportunity Statement and Policy to persons served in the program's clinic, and also provides equal opportunity regardless of an individual's status as a parent.



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Master of Science in
Speech-Language Pathology

Bachelor of Science in Speech,
Language, and Hearing Sciences

American Sign Language
Studies Certificate

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Master of Science Speech-Language Pathology Program

In the MS in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program, students learn the sciences of our discipline while applying this knowledge to the clients, patients and students they serve in their clinical assignments. On the path to becoming an SLP, students learn about voice disorders, phonology problems, stuttering, language and learning disabilities, and cleft-lip and palate. They also learn about communication and swallowing difficulties associated with neurological disorders such as strokes, head injuries, and cerebral palsy. They will be prepared to work with individuals across the lifespan, from infants to seniors, and in diverse settings, including schools, preschools, hospitals, extended care centers, clinics, and through telepractice. This two year program includes the three semesters on campus followed by three semesters completed online/in offsite clinical placements.



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



Bachelor of Science Speech Language and Hearing Sciences

The Division of Communication Disorders prepares undergraduates to apply for professional degree programs in speech-language pathology or audiology, and some students may pursue further training in related disciplines. The Division accomplishes this mission by:

- Offering a B.S. in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science that provides students with a broad-based foundation in the sciences and humanities, fundamental knowledge of human communication, communication development, and the nature of communication disorders across the lifespan.
- Providing opportunities for didactic learning with clinical application, problem solving, and critical thinking.
- Giving students opportunities to contribute to scholarly inquiry and research.
- Teaching students about professional practice, including ethical standards and cultural considerations.
- Participating in innovative learning experiences, including interprofessional education and telehealth.
- Offering initial undergraduate clinical experiences in the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic.

The Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences typically takes four years to complete. In this program, students will study the normal processes associated with understanding and producing speech and language, including anatomy, physiology, and neurology underpinnings. Students will study American Sign Language (ASL), the normal development of speech and language in children, disordered populations, and clinical methods. This BS degree does not qualify students to become speech language pathology assistants (SLP-A).



American Sign Language (ASL)

The Division of Communication Disorders has offered formal ASL classes since 1979. ASL is a complete and complex language that employs signs made by moving the hands combined with facial expressions and postures of the body. It is the language of the Deaf community in the United States and Canada, and will be useful to any professional working in educational or healthcare settings. ASL may be an effective modality when working with young children experiencing language or learning difficulties, or anyone who has trouble communicating orally. Students from other majors or degree plans may be able to take ASL for foreign language credit.

American Sign Language Studies Certificate

An American Sign Language Studies certificate is offered at the University of Wyoming. Coursework required for the certificate includes 16 credits:

- SPPA 2110 ASL 1 (4 credits)
- SPPA 2120 ASL 2 (4 credits)
- SPPA 4130 Advanced ASL (4 credits)
- SPPA 4070 Deaf Studies (3 credits/online)
- SPPA 4140 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (ASL) (1 credit)