

Master of Science in communication disorders

The MS in communication disorders degree program at ASU's College of Health Solutions prepares you to become a certified speech-language pathologist capable of autonomous clinical practice. Our full-time, 20-month residential program trains you to evaluate and treat clients in nine disorder classification areas through coursework, clinical placements and problem-based learning.

Build your diagnostic and treatment skills in an accredited program that meets the current standards required for certification in speech-language pathology specified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Our program holds paramount the following tenets:

- Equity and inclusion.
- Evidence-based practice.
- Interprofessional education.
- Community embeddedness.

The curriculum offers a strong foundation in the scientific knowledge base of speech-language pathology, as well as a wide range of clinical field experiences, preparing you for evidence-based clinical practice assisting people of all ages with communication, speech, language, literacy and swallowing needs.



Prepare to become
a speech-language
pathologist.

25%

**Much faster than average job growth
expected for speech-language
pathologists through 2029**

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

\$80k

**Median pay for speech-language
pathologists in 2020**

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Consistently ranked among

the best

**speech-language pathology
programs in the nation**

U.S. News & World Report

#1



in the U.S. for innovation

ASU ahead of MIT and Stanford

— U.S. News & World Report

7 years, 2016–2022

MS in communication disorders program

In your first three semesters you will focus on developing knowledge and skills in communication disorders across the human lifespan. During your final two semesters you will complete advanced coursework and receive individualized clinical mentorship in external clinical placements. Five-week rotations are also available to help you gain exposure to the variety of specialties the field has to offer. The program has a thesis or non-thesis option, but both options require the PRAXIS comprehensive exam needed for certification as an SLP from ASHA.

Featured courses

SHS 571 Augmentative Communication and Language Programming

Examine individuals across the lifespan who are unable or who are at risk of being unable to communicate with spoken language.

SHS 575 Aphasia and Related Neurogenic Language Disorders

Explore assessment and treatment options for clients with acquired neuro-linguistic impairments.

SHS 577 Current Assessment, Intervention and Research in Autism

Learn about communication disorders in children and adults with autism, as well as evaluation and intervention across a variety of settings and theoretical frameworks.

SHS 582 Differential Diagnosis of Communication Disorders

Understand procedures for assessing speech and language disorders in children and adults.

SHS 587 Language Assessment and Intervention with Preschool Populations

Focus on preschool language disorders and subsequent assessment and intervention strategies.

Part-Time Employment Program

PEP addresses the critical need for qualified speech-language personnel in public schools. Once admitted to the master's program, you can work part-time as a speech-language pathology assistant or a speech-language technician at a public school in Arizona while you pursue your degree. Help fund your education and boost your career by pursuing SLP certification.

Communication disorders in multilingual and multicultural populations certificate

This certificate program provides expanded coursework on working with adults, children and families who are culturally and linguistically diverse. Take enhanced classes, gain clinical experience in authentic community-based settings, and engage in community-centered, interprofessional projects. Those who earn the certificate have the specialized knowledge and practical experience to effectively meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Clinical and research opportunities

Our program offers a wide range of clinical placements in our in-house clinics, public schools, community clinics and medical centers that each student can participate in across five semesters of clinic. Research opportunities are also available and strongly encouraged, including with several translational research teams operating within the College of Health Solutions.

Accreditation

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

The **College of Health Solutions** at Arizona State University translates scientific health research and discovery into practice. Its programs **prepare students to address the challenges facing our populations to stay healthy, improve their health, and manage chronic disease** — all toward improving health outcomes.