

Speech-Language Pathology, MS

Adhering to the highest professional standards, the speech-language pathology graduate program seeks to prepare future speech-language pathologists for the rigors of clinical practice in educational and healthcare settings. Graduates of the program will influence society in profound ways—for example, enabling children with autism to communicate effectively, relieving adolescents' fears of speaking dysfluently in the classroom, and helping stroke survivors resume activities in which they had previously participated. The comprehensive program of study emphasizes teamwork and interdisciplinary approaches to complex service delivery issues. SLP graduate students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for a lifetime of professional achievement and social contribution.

Milestone Requirement Options

Students choose either of the following options:

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Students must complete a comprehensive examination during the final year in the program in order to graduate. Students must have completed Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4 (SLPA 6418) or be currently enrolled in Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4 (SLPA 6418) in order to be eligible to take the comprehensive examination. Students may submit a written request to the program director in order to take the comprehensive examination prior to enrolling in Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4 (SLPA 6418).

MASTER'S THESIS

Students who elect to complete a master's thesis will have the comprehensive examination requirement waived. Students with previous aural rehabilitation coursework may use 3 semester hours from the master's thesis to fulfill a graduate elective slot.

Prerequisite or Equivalent Courses

To ensure that all students have the foundation necessary to be successful in this program, each incoming student, regardless of their background, must have completed coursework with content equivalent in the following courses with a minimum grade of C.

Code	Title	Hours
SLPA 1102	Language Development	
SLPA 1103	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism	
SLPA 1200	Phonetics	
SLPA 1203	Introduction to Audiology	
SLPA 1205	Speech and Hearing Science	

Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes (<https://bouve.northeastern.edu/learning-outcomes/>) for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Milestones

Comprehensive examination or master's thesis

Core Requirements

A grade of B or higher is required in each course.

Code	Title	Hours
Disorders		
SLPA 5201	Diagnostic Testing in Speech-Language Pathology	2
SLPA 6219	Aural Rehabilitation (or elective) ¹	3
SLPA 6303	Stuttering	3

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SLPA 6304	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
SLPA 6305	Articulation and Phonology	3
SLPA 6307	Voice Disorders	3
SLPA 6308	Dysphagia	3
SLPA 6313	Counseling in Speech-Language Pathology	2
SLPA 6321	Motor Speech Disorders	3
SLPA 6339	Language Literacy in Practice	1
SLPA 6340	Language Disorders in Children 1	3
SLPA 6341	Language Disorders in Children 2	3
SLPA 6342	Speech-Language Disorders In Adults 1	3
SLPA 6343	Speech-Language Disorders in Adults 2	3
Science		
SLPA 5109	Neurology of Communication	3
SLPA 6300	Speech Science	2
Research		
SLPA 6211	Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
SLPA 6420	Practical Statistics for Speech-Language Pathology	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion		
SLPA 6329	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Speech-Language Pathology	2
Practicum		
SLPA 6415	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 1	3
SLPA 6416	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 2	2
SLPA 6417	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 3	2
SLPA 6418	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4	2

¹ Students with previous coursework in aural rehabilitation may replace SLPA 6219 with 3 semester hours from the elective course list.

Elective

Code	Title	Hours
Students with previous aural rehabilitation coursework may complete 3 semester hours from the elective course list or select other course options in consultation with a faculty advisor.		
SLPA 6310	Speech-Language Pathology in Medical Settings	
SLPA 6320	Autism	
SLPA 6325	Accent Modification for Speech-Language Pathology	
SLPA 6332	Seminar in Communication Disorders	

Optional Thesis

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 6 semester hours across two semesters with prior approval.		6
SLPA 6990	Thesis	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

60 total semester hours required (additional hours required for thesis option)

Minimum 3.000 GPA required