

What are the pre-requisites I need?

There are 3 types of pre-requisite courses: non-speech pathology foundational, speech-language pathology foundational and Nevada Department of Education required courses:

1. Non-speech-language pathology foundational courses

The Speech-Language Pathology Masters of Education will be following the guidelines of the American Speech and Hearing Association's competency areas

<https://www.asha.org/Certification/2020-SLP-Certification-Standards/#2>

These include courses include statistics, chemistry or physics, a biological science with human anatomy emphasis, a social science (psychology, sociology, anthropology or public health). If you have previously taken courses, they must be a C or better, with preference of B or better.

2. Speech-language Pathology undergrad courses

The following courses are required (NSC course number provided).

- Introduction to Communication Disorders (NSC SPA 301)
- Phonetics (NSC SPA 320-Introduction to Phonetics)
- Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Language Mechanism (NSC SPA 330)
- Audiology (NSC SPA 362- Introduction to audiology)
- Normal speech and language development or Normal Child Language course (NSC SPA 340 Speech and Language Development)
- Language Disorders in children (NSC SPA 467- Communication and Language Disorders in children)
- Speech sound disorders (artic and phonology) in children (SPA 364)
- Clinical Methods in speech pathology (NSC SPA 370 Methods of Clinical Management)
- An assessment or diagnostics course (unless demonstrated as part of the Clinical methods class; NSC SPA 400 and lab 491C)
- Neurology in Speech Pathology (SPA 439)

You must maintain a B average (3.0) in these courses to remain competitive in the application process. Please be aware that most incoming graduate students average 3.5 for SPA courses.

3. Nevada Department of Education required courses

- Introduction to Special Education (NSC EDU 203)
- Families Engagement for Students with disabilities (EDSP 432)