Master's Preparatory Plan in Speech-Language Pathology (MPP-SLP)

Have a bachelor's degree in a field other than speech-language pathology or communication disorders? Nevada State University's **Master's Preparatory Plan (MPP)** provides the prerequisite coursework needed to apply to our Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program.

Completing the MPP does not guarantee admission to the master's program.

What coursework will I need?

The MPP includes approximately 10–11 speech-language pathology courses, foundational coursework in biology, chemistry or physics, statistics, and social or behavioral sciences, and two education courses. Previously completed coursework will be reviewed to determine which prerequisites you have already met.

Courses are offered in online, hybrid, and in-person formats. Students attending full time can generally complete the required coursework within one year, depending on their previously completed courses and course availability.

MPP coursework also provides opportunities to earn guided clinical observation hours toward the 25 hours required for admission to Nevada State's master's program.

Who is eligible?

Applicants must have a conferred bachelor's degree and a minimum GPA of **3.0** in their completed degree program. A GPA of **3.25 or higher is preferred**. Admission is selective, and spaces are limited.

How do I apply?

The MPP admits one cohort each year, with **admission decisions made in March**. Admitted students begin coursework in the summer, which is preferred, or the fall of that year.

Apply to the MPP.

Applicants must provide unofficial transcripts from their previously completed degree programs for review. A background check through **COMPLIO** is also required. Applicants who have completed a Nevada Department of Education background check may provide a current substitute teaching license or full teaching license to satisfy this requirement.

No entrance examination is required for the MPP, and students are not required to take the GRE or Praxis during the plan.

What if I miss the application deadline?

You may be able to begin foundational or introductory speech-language pathology coursework as a non-degree-seeking student, subject to course prerequisites and availability. Another option is to pursue a second bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology. Students considering either option should seek advising before registering to determine which courses will meet their goals.

What graduate program does the MPP prepare me for?

The MPP prepares students to apply to Nevada State's **full-time Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program**. Prerequisite requirements vary across universities, so students considering other graduate programs should review those programs' requirements.

Nevada State's full-time master's program spans five consecutive semesters: fall, spring, summer, fall, and spring. Classes and clinical experiences are in person and require daytime availability. The final two semesters include externship placements requiring full-time availability Monday through Friday.

The part-time master's track is restricted to eligible Nevada school employees who hold the required Nevada Department of Education endorsement. Completion of the MPP alone does not establish eligibility for that track.

When do I apply to the master's program?

Applications open **October 1** and are due **February 1** for the following fall cohort. Students completing the MPP in one year typically apply during their first fall semester while finishing their prerequisite coursework.

Master's applications are submitted through **CSDCAS**. The GRE is not required. Admission decisions are typically released in mid- to late March.