



# Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

## Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences (NWCNHS)

### The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

(SLP) is offered by the **Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)** department within the NWCNHS. The focus is one of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD). The goal of the Masters' in SLP program is to educate SLP professionals to meet the needs of multicultural populations with communication disorders.

#### Master of Speech-Language Pathology Eligibility:

To be eligible for consideration for admission to this graduate program, all applicants need to meet the minimum admission standards set by the University Graduate School and the CSD Department at FIU. These standard requirements are:

- A bachelor's degree
- Students must have completed an undergraduate program of study in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology, **OR** have taken the required prerequisite coursework.
- A 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.
- Completion of **25** clinical hours of observation of assessment/treatment for speech-language clients with clear and appropriate documentation. (included in SPA 5051 or equivalent course)
- Students must have completed **at least three (3) prerequisite courses** for their application to be eligible for review for admission into the MS-SLP graduate program at FIU.
- For applicants whose primary language is not English the TOEFL is required. The passing requirements for the TOEFL are 550 on the paper test or 80 on the Internet based examination. If taking IELTS, scores of 6.5 are required. International students **must** have their transcripts translated to English prior to applying to the master's program.

In addition, students must complete the following general education courses as part of their Bachelor's degree or prior to beginning graduate study in the Masters' program at FIU:

- College level Mathematics course (**3 cr.**)
- Biological Science course (biology, evolution, human anatomy, zoology, genetics, plant or marine biology) (**3 cr.**)
- Physical Science course (physics or chemistry) (**3 cr.**)
- Two Social Sciences courses (psychology, sociology, anthropology, social work) (**6 cr.**)
- Statistics course (**3 cr.**)

### Program Information

The MS-SLP program is a 6-semester, 61-credit course of study. There are four designated semesters of clinical rotation. **45 students** are admitted each fall.

### Program Highlights

- Employment of graduates from the Master of Science SLP program is 100%.
- The CSD Department currently has 90 enrolled MS students.

### Accreditation

The master's (M.S.) education program in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) at Florida International 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.

### How to Apply

#### THERE ARE 2 APPLICATIONS REQUIRED

Both an Application to the University and an Application to the Department

- Complete online FIU application: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admissions.shtml>
- Send Official Transcripts & TOEFL scores to the Graduate Admissions Office
- Complete letter of intent summarizing your interests in the program
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons with knowledge of your academic performance
- The Department has a separate application form which must be completed and sent directly to the CSD Department via email at [csd@fiu.edu](mailto:csd@fiu.edu).
- Applications missing the departmental applications will not be reviewed.

**Applications are due January 15<sup>th</sup>**

[cnhs.fiu.edu](http://cnhs.fiu.edu)

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## Graduate Certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Individuals who have completed a bachelor's degree in a discipline different from Communication Sciences & Disorders or Speech-Language Pathology must complete additional required coursework before applying to the Masters' SLP program. This coursework is completed in the Graduate Certificate program in CSD.

### Admission Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for admission to the certificate program, all applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- Hold a BS or BA degree
- A minimum **cumulative** 3.0 GPA in undergraduate study
- Completed Graduate certificate in CSD application
- Transcript of undergraduate coursework completed for degree

Applicants need to successfully complete ten prerequisite courses or their equivalents within four continuous semesters, which includes summer semesters. Students must successfully complete the prerequisite courses with a GPA of 3.0 and a minimum grade of "C" in each class (must receive a "B" in SPA 6322).

- **SPA 5113C** Advanced Applied Phonetics (or LIN5206 Phonetics, or LIN5211 Applied Phonetics, offered through the Linguistics program)
- **SPA 5012C** Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders
- **SPA 5102C** Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology of Mechanisms of Communication
- **SPA 5102L** Laboratory in Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology of Mechanisms of Communication
- **SPA 5009C** Normal Communication Development & Disorders
- **SPA 5150C** Acoustics of the Sciences of Speech and Hearing
- **SPA 5051C** Clinical Observation, Management, and Procedures in Communication Disorders
- **SPA 5035C** Disorders of Hearing and Audiological Sciences
- **SPA 6322** Aural Habilitation and Rehabilitation
- **SPA 5262** Linguistics for SLP (or LIN 5018 Graduate Introduction to Linguistics)

### Additional Requirements

To be awarded the Graduate Certificate in CSD, the student must complete all of the courses in the Certificate at FIU.

Students in the Graduate Certificate in CSD are required to be continuously enrolled in at least two courses per semester (except when taking the last course in the certificate program). All students are required to complete the certificate within four continuous semesters, which includes summer semesters.

All courses are typically offered every semester, including summers. These courses meet the requirements to apply for the Master of Science program in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP). **However, please note that successful completion of the certificate does not guarantee acceptance into the MS-SLP program at FIU.**

Yearly application deadlines for the Certificate are:

- **May 1st** for Fall semester
- **October 1st** for Spring semester
- **February 1st** for Summer semester

Please note that there are **TWO applications** that must be completed:

1. Graduate Certification Application (<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admissions.shtml>)
2. Department Information Form (<http://cnhs.fiu.edu/csd/admission-and-advising/how-to-apply/index.html>)

Be sure to include:

- A copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Required residency documentation (not necessary for current FIU students)
- If you received your degree from a non-English speaking country, you must also submit a passing TOEFL score

It is not necessary to include the \$30 application fee. This fee will be assessed when you complete the Graduate Certificate program application.

You should send via email the DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FORM & THE COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS to [csd@fiu.edu](mailto:csd@fiu.edu).