Master of Arts
Degree in Speech-Language Pathology

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at San Diego State University (SDSU), offers a Master of Arts (MA) degree program in speech-language pathology, accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). The program's focus is on educating the finest SLPs in the United States, broadly trained in all clinical practices, and educated in basic and applied research perspectives of the communication sciences and disorders.

Students have access to outstanding faculty and research programs, specialized clinical faculty, and state-of-the-art speech, language, and hearing clinics. Clinical experiences with clients of all ages, ethnicities, and disorders are provided for all students. Students are able to take advantage of numerous internship facilities including hospitals, private clinics, public schools, and other community agencies that serve the greater San Diego area.

Students proficient in Spanish may opt to complete the Bilingual Certificate Program, which includes additional coursework and 100 clinical hours with Spanish-English bilingual clients. Students proficient in a second language other than Spanish may complete the Bilingual Specialization Program.

GENERAL PROGRAM OF STUDY
The program of study prepares students for careers in a wide range of environments including public schools, hospitals, and clinics and to work with individuals with various disorders across the lifespan. Strengths of the program include: a) an emphasis in working with clients from culturally and linguistically-diverse backgrounds; b) the SDSU/UCSD joint doctoral programs in Audiology and in Language and Communicative Disorders enhance the educational experiences for students seeking the master's degree; c) opportunities for laboratory rotations with some of the top speech, language, and hearing researchers in the country; and d) the School's longstanding relationship with schools, hospitals, and other community agencies in Southern California.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
The graduate program is five semesters of full-time study (two academic years with an intervening summer). Those whose undergraduate degrees are in another discipline must complete the prerequisites prior to beginning the SDSU program.

The mandated curriculum consists of coursework adequate in breadth and scope to prepare students for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (ASHA), California licensure in SLP, and the Speech-Language Pathology Credential from CTC [in Language, Speech, and Hearing (LSH)]. Forty-five units of required academic courses comprise the basis of all programs of study; 9 of these units comprise electives (for example: thesis, laboratory rotations, seminars). An additional 19 units of clinical practicum and internships in both adult and school settings are required. Students may choose between a comprehensive examination or a thesis to complete requirements for graduation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Detailed information regarding admission requirements can be found on the website (https://slhs.sdsu.edu/programs/ma/admission-requirements/). Applicants for admission to the MA program must meet the general requirements for classified graduate standing at San Diego State University. GRE scores and overall undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or greater are required, along with three letters of recommendation from professors, and a student statement of interest.

FUNDING
MA students may apply for various University funds. If funding is available, students in the program can serve as graduate or teaching assistants for courses, research assistants to individual faculty, and/or work in the clinic.
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM:
ACADEMIC FACULTY

Alyson Abel-Mills, PhD
Child Language Acquisition & Disorders, Cognitive Neuroscience

Jessica Barlow, PhD
Phonology, Phonological Acquisition & Disorders

Henrike Blumenfeld, PhD
Psycholinguistics, Bilingualism, Cognitive Aging

Karen Emmorey, PhD
Psycholinguistics, Cognitive Neuroscience, Sign Language, Deafness

Tracy Love, PhD (School Director)
Adult & Child Language Disorders, Neurolinguistics, Neuroimaging

Ignatius Nip, PhD, CCC-SLP (Graduate Advisor)
Speech Motor Development and Disorders

Giang Pham, PhD, CCC-SLP
Childhood Bilingualism, Language Development and Disorders

Sonja Pruitt-Lord, PhD, CCC-SLP (Associate School Director)
Child Language Acquisition & Disorders, Cultural Linguistic Diversity

Stephanie Ries-Cornou, PhD
Adult Language Production and Disorders, Electrophysiology

JoAnn Silkes, PhD, CCC-SLP
Adult Language Disorders

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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM:
ACADEMIC COURSES:
SAMPLE PROGRAM

Fall 1
SLHS 525 Clinical Processes
SLHS 600A Research Methods in CSD 1
SLHS 607 Phonology & Phonological Disorders
SLHS 609A Acquired Neurogenic Lang & Cog Dis 1
SLHS 613 Language Dis Infancy-Preschool
SLHS 617 Diagnostic Methods in SLP
SLHS 618 Diagnostic Practicum
SLHS 626 S-L Intervention

Spring 2
SLHS 511 Aural Rehabilitation
SLHS 525 Clinical Processes
SLHS 608 Acquired Neuromotor Speech Dis
SLHS 609B Acquired Neurogenic Lang & Cog Dis 2
SLHS 614 Lang Dis School Age-Adolescence
SLHS 618 Diagnostic Practicum
SLHS 626 S-L Intervention

Summer 3
SLHS 570 Dysphagia
SLHS 618 Diagnostic Practicum
SLHS 626 S-L Intervention

Fall 4
SLHS 600B Adv Research Methods in CSD 2
SLHS 606 Voice, Resonance, & Fluency Disorders
SLHS 700 Level Elective
SLHS 700 Level Elective
SLHS 629 Orientation to Adv Field Clinical Practice
SLHS 933 Clinical Practice in Public Schools

Spring 5
SLHS 627 Advanced Field Clinical Practice
SLHS 630 Orientation to Adv Field Clinical Practice
SLHS 672 Comm Dis in Bilingual Adults
SLHS 675 Augmentative Communication
SLHS 700 Level Elective

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM:
CLINICAL FACULTY

Carrie Goodwiler, MA, CCC-SLP (Clinic Director)
Charlotte Lopes, MA, CCC-SLP (Clinical Education Coordinator)

Adult Neurogenic Populations
Paul McRae, MA, CCC-SLP
Linda Schmitz, MA, CCC-SLP
Tanya Buzzanga, MA, CCC-SLP

Pediatric Populations
Brianne Hemmingson, MA, CCC-SLP
Taylor Hye, MA, CCC-SLP
Robert McKinney, MA, CCC-SLP
Karyn Searcy, MA, CCC-SLP
Laura Sendek, MA, CCC-SLP
Susie Thorpe, MS, CCC-SLP