



METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITYSM OF DENVER

Department of Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences

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2022 MS SLP Strategic Plan: Executive Summary

Vision: Graduate reflective practitioners who serve diverse populations in the clinics and classrooms of the future.

Mission: to provide a diverse urban population with an inclusive graduate program committed to the interprofessional education and cultural competence of students seeking clinical certification in speech-language pathology.

Focus areas:

Program Development ~ Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives ~ Community Engagement

Focus Area 1: Program Development

Long-term goal: Establish a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree that is recognized with candidacy (pre-accreditation) status by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

- Outcome 1.1: Obtain approval of degree program by MSU Denver's Board of Trustees.
- Outcome 1.2: Develop a curricular pathway that reflects programmatic goals and meets state and regional accreditation requirements.
- Outcome 1.3: Submit application for candidacy to CAA.
- Outcome 1.4: Host successful site visit with the CAA.

Focus Area 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives

Long-term goal: Promote equity for minority populations with communication disorders/differences by diversifying the speech-language pathology workforce.

- Outcome 2.1: Develop bilingual specialization focused on service delivery with Spanish-English populations.
- Outcome 2.2: Apply for federal grants to support program and its students.
- Outcome 2.3: Recruit students from underrepresented backgrounds and design a framework to support retention.

Focus Area 3: Community Engagement

Long-term goal: Cultivate internal and external partnerships to promote opportunities for collaborative learning.

- Outcome 3.1: Create interprofessional education experiences with other university programs that prepare students for careers in education, health and/or human services.
- Outcome 3.2: Initiate campus and community-based clinical training experiences.
- Outcome 3.3: Expand network of external partners in conjunction with the Classroom to Career Hub and Health Institute.
- Outcome 3.4: Identify strategies to sustain engagement of field placements.