



Department of Speech,
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About SLHS 4300/3980 – SLHS Senior Experience & SLPA/SLHS Internship + Observation at MSU Denver

In the final semester of the program, students will submit an internal application to the department for acceptance into both SLHS 4300 – SLHS Senior Experience & SLPA, and SLHS 3980 – SLHS Internship + Observation courses. This document will provide you with the required application components.

The SLHS 4300 (SLHS Senior Experience & SLPA) and SLHS 3980 (SLHS Internship/Observation) are **specific to the certification requirements of Colorado** and may not be reciprocal in other states. It is the applicant's responsibility to know what the requirements are of the state they are looking to work in. If you want to participate in the class while in another state, you need to [contact the department](#) prior to applying and note that you are out of state within your application. It will be your responsibility at the intern to have a potential certified, supervisor eligible SLP working in a public school and include their contact information in your application.

Students must apply and receive permission to enroll in SLHS 4300/3980 in the semester prior. View the [required application components here](#).

Applications are completed through Qualtrics and available from January – March to apply for fall cohorts, and August – October to apply for spring cohorts. Only complete applications submitted by deadline will be considered. [Access the SLHS 4300/3980 application here](#).

Interested students are encouraged to begin the application process early. Applications for fall cohorts must be received by the second Friday of March. Applications for spring cohorts must be received by the first Friday of October.

SLHS 4300/3980 Application – Required Components

1. Personal contact information: name, phone number and email.
2. Semester and year applying for SLP-A consideration.
3. Paragraph on your professional goals, including how they relate to working as an SLP-A, as well as your experience working with children.
4. Essential functions ratings
 - a. This course requires you to complete a demanding internship in a fast-paced environment in which you will engage with diverse students and school personnel. We require that you evaluate your professional skills, identifying areas that you believe are personal strengths as well as areas that are more challenging for you. Professional skills include:
 - i. Interpersonal communication skills
 - ii. Ability to work independently
 - iii. Ability to work in teams/collaboratively



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- iv. Self-motivation/perseverance towards goals
 - v. Time management skills including punctuality
 - vi. Organizational skills
 - vii. Problem-solving skills
 - viii. Responsiveness to feedback
 - b. We ask that you choose two of the above essential functions that you rated yourself well on and provide specific examples of how you demonstrate these skills.
 - c. We ask that you choose two of the above essential functions that you rated yourself lacking in and how you plan to improve in that area.
5. Internship Placement
- a. Three preferred school districts and student age groups.
 - i. Internship placements can be arranged in a variety of districts around the Denver Metro area. Upon request, we can attempt to secure internships outside of Denver Metro Area, but **this cannot be guaranteed**. If you know a school-based SLP whom you would like as your supervisor, provide the name and contact information to your course instructor in the application. To be placed in an internship, students will need to complete a background check in line with district policies.
 - b. List days/times available for internship hours
 - i. Remember, you should plan on being at your internship site for **two full school days per week**.
6. Completed observation logs
- a. **You must have 25 guided observation hours with an ASHA certified SLP, prior to the start of the course/internship.** If you have not completed 25 guided observation hours when applying, you will need to provide a plan for how you will complete the hours as well as a timeline for completion.
 - i. *Guided observation and direct client/patient contact hours (e.g. the individual receiving services must be present) must be within the ASHA Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology and must be under the supervision of a clinician who holds current ASHA certification in the appropriate profession and who, after earning the CCC-SLP, has completed (1) a minimum of 9 months of post-certification, full-time experience and (2) a minimum of 2 hours of professional development in the area of clinical instruction/supervision. Observations must be recorded in hours in 15 minute increments (15 minutes = .25 hours). – <https://www.asha.org/certification/2020-slp-certification-standards/>*
 - ii. If you intend to use Master Clinician Network (MCN) please follow the [MCN Protocol](#).
7. Contact information for two references including name, phone number, and email address as well as how long and in what capacity you worked with each reference.



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- a. As transcripts are examined for academic abilities, recommendations from university faculty are not accepted. An exception is made if a faculty member could comment on specific work behaviors and/or professional interactions (e.g. research interns).

8. Transcripts and GPA Requirement

a. Transcripts

- i. For current MSU Denver students, a degree progress report will be reviewed.
- ii. Non-MSU Denver students applying for consideration must submit official transcripts from all US colleges/universities attended. Transcripts must be **sent DIRECTLY from the university/college you attended** to the SLHS Department at SLHS@msudenver.edu.

- 1. For foreign colleges/universities attended, the transcript must be evaluated by a U.S. foreign transcript service. The foreign transcript evaluation must be **sent DIRECTLY from the university/college you attended** to the SLHS Department at SLHS@msudenver.edu. Transcripts must be received prior to the application deadline. **Transcripts received after the application deadline will render your application incomplete and therefore will not be considered.**

b. GPA Requirement

- i. **Students must have earned a grade of C or better in all SLHS pre-requisite coursework** (Please see Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences SLPA Certificate Advising Guide), with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Non-MSU Denver students should complete all pre-requisite coursework prior to application deadline to strengthen their application. For current MSU Denver students who have courses in progress by application deadline, a grade-to-date will be requested of instructors and factored into GPA calculations.