

SPEECH, LANGUAGE, HEARING SCIENCES: LEVELING CERTIFICATE

MSU Denver welcomes students who wish to pursue a career in speech-language pathology yet need to complete SLHS specific courses after completing a bachelor's degree. Our [SLHS Leveling Certificate](#) allows students to complete all prerequisites required to apply to our [graduate program in speech-language pathology](#). The leveling course sequence includes nine required undergraduate SLHS classes as well as options for 25 guided observation hours.

Our leveling certificate also applies to students who want to pursue a career in audiology (AUD)¹. Clinical certification for SLP or AUD requires a graduate degree, and acceptance into graduate school is competitive and not guaranteed by completing these courses. Please review requirements of any graduate program you are considering.

REQUIRED COURSES CREDIT HOURS (CH)

SLHS 2100 Language Acquisition & Development (<i>pre/coreq: SLHS 1500</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 2530 Speech Science (<i>prereq: MTH 1110 OR MTH 1112</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 3200 Clinical Phonetics (<i>pre/coreq: SLHS 2100 + SLHS 2530</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 3530 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing (<i>prereq: BIO 1080/1090, pre/coreq: SLHS 2530</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 3600 Diagnostic Audiology (<i>prereq: SLHS 2530, pre/coreq: SLHS 3530</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 4100 Language Disorders & Differences (<i>prereq: SLHS 2100, pre/coreq: SLHS 3300</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 4200 Speech Disorders & Differences (<i>prereq: SLHS 2100 + SLHS 3200, pre/coreq: SLHS 3300</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 4530 Neural Bases of Communication & Its Disorders (<i>prereq: SLHS 3530</i>)	3 CH
SLHS 4610 Aural Rehabilitation (<i>prereq: SLHS 2100 + SLHS 3600</i>)	3 CH
SUBTOTAL	27 CH

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK CONSIDERATIONS:

- Degree-seeking SLHS majors are required to take non-SLHS prerequisite courses. These *suggested prerequisites* may be waived for “leveling” students, however, students without background knowledge in these areas will need to enroll in a formal course and/or engage in independent review of the material to be successful.
- Students must earn a C or better in all required courses to apply towards the SLHS Leveling Certificate.
- Prior to clinical certification, the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) requires college-level coursework in each of the four areas: a) social/behavioral sciences, b) biological sciences, c) physics or chemistry, and d) statistics. Students accepted into our MS SLP program must have completed these “ASHA 4” certification requirements before starting our graduate program, with a C or better and statistics must be completed in the last five years.

NEXT STEPS:

- **Meet with an SLHS advisor.** Request an appointment with an SLHS advisor by visiting: <https://www.msudenver.edu/speech-language-hearing-sciences/advising>. We recommend having an unofficial transcript with the date of bachelor's degree conferred available at this appointment.
- **Enroll at MSU Denver.** Students must be enrolled as an undergraduate to complete this certificate. Official transcripts will be required. Refer to the university website for current enrollment information (<https://msudenver.edu/admissions>).
- **Register for courses and/or submit hold-lift request.** For classes that have a prerequisite (SLHS or otherwise) not completed at MSU Denver, students will need registration assistance. Students must complete the SLHS Hold-Lift Request form. Please contact the department (slhs@msudenver.edu) with any questions.

¹ Visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (www.asha.org) for more information on these careers