

# SPEECH, LANGUAGE, HEARING SCIENCES: SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

This certificate allows students with a prior bachelor's degree to gain the competencies required by the Colorado Department of Education to be authorized as a speech-language pathology assistant (SLP-A). During the final semester of the program, students complete SLHS 4300 (Speech-Language Pathology Assistant) & 4 credits of SLHS 3980 (SLHS Internship/Observation). The SLHS SLP-A Internship<sup>1</sup> is composed of a 3-credit online seminar (SLHS 4300) & a 4-credit public-school SLP-A internship (SLHS 3980); students intern for 180 hours under the direction of an ASHA-certified SLP.

## 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 4610 Aural Rehabilitation ( <i>prereq: SLHS 2100 + SLHS 3600</i> ) .....	3 CH

## REQUIRES DEPARTMENT APPLICATION SEMESTER PRIOR:

**SLHS 4300 SLHS Senior Experience or SLPA** (*prereq: SLHS 2100, 2530, 3200, 3530, 3600, 4100, & 4200; pre/coreq: SLHS 4610; coreq: SLHS 3980*)..... 3 CH

**SLHS 3980 SLHS Internship/Observation** (*prereq: SLHS 2100, 2530, 3200, 3530, 3600, 4100, & 4200; pre/coreq: SLHS 4610; coreq: SLHS 4300*).....4 CH

**SUBTOTAL ..... 31 CH**

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Degree-seeking SLHS majors are required to take non-SLHS prerequisites. These *suggested prereqs* may be waived for certificate students, however, students without this background knowledge will need to enroll in a formal course and/or engage in independent review of the material to be successful.
- Before beginning the internship, students must provide documentation that they have completed 25 observation hours with ASHA-certified SLPs.

## 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](mailto:slhs@msudenver.edu)) with any questions.

<sup>1</sup> Students cannot enroll in this course without first applying for and receiving permission from the MSU Denver SLP-A program coordinator. See the department website for application deadline and requirements (including minimum grade & GPA requirements).