

# M.S. in Speech Language Pathology

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The Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Texas at El Paso is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech, Language, Hearing Association. Admissions to the graduate program are limited by the resources available.

## Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or equivalent degree at an international institution.
2. Minimum of 21 semester hours of upper-division undergraduate courses related to communication disorders.
3. Demonstration of academic achievement and potential as indicated by the results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and upper level undergraduate and graduate coursework (a minimum GPA of 3.0 in upper-division preparatory SPLP undergraduate courses).
4. Other evidence of background and experience that might be available.
5. Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/>) website for required scores.

Admission is competitive. The number of students admitted each semester is dependent on available program resources.

**NOTE: To engage in clinical practicums, which are a crucial element in the curriculum, students in Speech-Language Pathology must pass a background check. Therefore, applicants accepted to Speech Language Pathology will be required to undergo and pass a background check prior to matriculation. Applicants will be responsible for the costs in obtaining a background check report.**

**In accordance with HB 1508F, applicants are notified that if he/she has been convicted of an offense or placed on probation, he/she might not be eligible for an occupational license issued by TDLR after completing the educational or training program. TDLR's criminal history guidelines are available at [www.tdlr.texas.gov/crimconvict.htm](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/crimconvict.htm) and includes restrictions and guidelines TDLR uses to determine eligibility for an occupational license. The applicant has the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from TDLR, which is explained in more detail at [www.tdlr.texas.gov/crimhistoryeval.htm](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/crimhistoryeval.htm).**

## Degree Requirements

Majors in Speech-Language Pathology must complete the following:

51 semester hours required for completion of the degree, six semesters maximum, with the majority of students completing in five semesters. Comprehensive written project and written and/or oral examinations are required for students who choose not to write a thesis. Students who write a thesis are required to defend the thesis in an oral examination. Students who choose to write a thesis must enroll in SLP 5398 Thesis and SLP 5399 Thesis. Accruing a minimum of 400 practicum hours (25 observation, 375 direct contact) are required before degree conferral.

## Grade Criteria

1. A grade of **D** or **F** in any graduate course will result in immediate dismissal from the graduate program. Consideration of the student for readmission will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
2. No more than two (2) **C** grades will be permitted. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average per graduate school requirements. A third **C** will lead to immediate dismissal from the graduate program. A final semester grade of **C** in any clinical practicum course (SLP 5101, 5102, 5303, 5304, 5305) will necessitate the repetition of the clinical practicum course in the following semester, which may necessitate the optional sixth semester to complete the requirement. Hours obtained during the practicum in which a **C** was earned will not count toward the total number of hours (400) required for graduation.

39 semester credit hours of graduate academic coursework, and five-six semesters, 9 hours of clinical practicum, and a minimum of 3 hours of electives for completion of Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology: Total Graduating Hours: 51 credit hours

Graduate electives may be taken in and outside the Program with advisor's approval. With the thesis option, an oral defense is required. With non-thesis option a capstone research paper and written and/or oral comprehensive examinations are required.

All coursework used to meet M.S. degree requirements (above) must be completed with one six-year period prior to the M.S. degree award.

## Academic Program and Expectations

Copies of the Graduate Studies Catalog are available for \$1 on campus or \$3.50 for a mailed copy. For additional information on the academic program and expectations, contact the Graduate Advisor in Speech-Language Pathology,

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**Degree Plan**

Required Credits: 51

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Speech-Language Pathology (All courses require a grade of C or better)</b>		
Required Courses:		39
SLP 5331	Research in CD/EBP	
SLP 5335	Fluency Disorders	
SLP 5336	Ped 2 - School-Age	
SLP 5337	Adult 2 - Neuro. Speech/Lang	
SLP 5339	Voice Assess/Intervention	
SLP 5333	Adult 1 - Dysphagia	
SLP 5343	Aug./Alt. Communication	
SLP 5432	Ped 1 - Assess./Inter. 0-5	
SLP 5240	Hearing Disorders	
SLP 5241	Craniofacial Disorders	
SLP 5338	Autism/Behavior Management	
SLP 5234	Cognitive Disorders	
SLP 5344	DEI and Multilingualism	
<b>Practicum:</b>		
Required Practicum Courses:		9
SLP 5101	Clinical Practicum 1	
SLP 5102	Clinical Practicum 2	
SLP 5303	Clinical Practicum 3	
SLP 5304	Clinical Practicum 4	
SLP 5305	Clinical Practicum 5	
<b>Elective Menu</b>		
Minimum 3 hours of the following. Can be taken more than once for credit.		3
SLP 5142	Probs and Proj in SLP	
SLP 5242	Probs and Proj in SLP	
SLP 5342	Probs and Proj in SLP	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>51</b>
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<b>Optional Thesis</b>		
SLP 5398 & SLP 5399	Thesis and Thesis	6