

# Online Speech-Language Pathology Master of Science in Education

## Admission Information

Welcome to the University of Nebraska Kearney

Thank you for considering UNK for your graduate studies. This online master's program is designed to educate and prepare students to be responsive, reflective and collaborative decision makers who have the knowledge, skills and technological expertise to earn appropriate credentials, licenses, and/or certifications to practice as ethical and successful speech-language pathologists.

Graduate students in the online master's SLP program at UNK are a part of a small cohort of 18 students. The program includes four semesters of practicum and two externships. Coursework is offered in an online, asynchronous format. Graduate students are required to visit UNK's campus 1-2 times during the first two summer semester.

Our program is a 3-year (9 semester: fall, spring, summer) part-time commitment. An accelerated, full-time program is possible with consultation with the Graduate Program Coordinator.

## Accreditation



The Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of Nebraska Kearney is accredited by the **Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)** of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. This accreditation ensures that graduates of the program are eligible for obtaining ASHA certification.

## Application Deadline

- Application, payments and transcripts must be **received** by 11:59 p.m. CST on the January 15, 2021. To ensure items arrive on time, try to send all documents several weeks before the deadline.

### **Application Instructions**

- Complete the CSDCAS application.
- Request that official transcripts from all US institutions attended be sent to CSDCAS.
- Upload a personal statement in the Documents section of CSDCAS.
- Request 3 letters of recommendation be sent through the CSDCAS recommender portal. These letters should be from faculty members with whom you took a college/university course.
- Upload your video interview YouTube link in the Documents section of CSDCAS.

**We are temporarily suspending the requirement of GRE scores to be submitted as a part of the 2020-2021 admissions cycle.**

**UNK's M.S.Ed. Online Speech-Language Pathology program does not have a supplemental application and there is no additional application fee.**

- International Applicants: Request that official evaluations of transcripts from all foreign institutions be sent to CSDCAS as follows:
  - Use the World Education Services (WES) link in the Academic History section of the application to order your official WES evaluation **or**
  - Use the "Download Evaluation Request Form" in the Academic History section of the application to request an evaluation from an evaluation service other than WES.
  - *Note:* If requirements are different for international students, you may want to consider a separate designation for that population or consider conditional questions.

### **Characteristics of a Successful Candidate**

- Admissions requirements/profile.
- 3.5 GPA or higher (cumulative & core SLP GPA are considered).
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university (or completion of SLP leveling program).
- Well-written personal statement (content & form).
- Strong letters of recommendation speaking to the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies.
- Appropriate oral communication skills (as evident through video interview response).
- Demonstration of relevant experiences (e.g., leadership, research, clinical, and/or volunteer experience, bilingualism, etc.).

### **Leveling Coursework Option:**

An online leveling program is available through UNK. Do not apply for the leveling program through CSDCAS. Information about the online leveling program can be found [here](#).

We **require** the following to be **completed by the time of enrollment** in the program:

- Transcript evidence of one course in each of the following areas (as required for ASHA certification). Each course must have been completed for a grade, with a minimum grade of "C."
  - Biological science
  - Physical science (Physics or Chemistry ONLY)
  - Social-behavioral science (Psychology or Sociology)
  - Statistics
  - Research
  
- Transcript evidence of **all program prerequisite coursework**. Coursework must have been taken for a grade with a minimum grade of "C."
  - Phonetics
  - Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
  - Speech & Hearing Science
  - Speech & Language Development
  - Introduction to Audiology
  - Aural Rehabilitation
  - Neuroanatomy
  
- Documentation of at least **25 hours of supervised clinical observation** of a certified speech-language pathologist.

The CDIS faculty at UNK make holistic evaluations of applicants' abilities and preparedness for graduate studies. As such, we may recommend conditional admission for an applicant who does not meet all admissions criteria.

**We look forward to your application!**