

Speech-Language Pathology, MS—Connect (Boston)

Adhering to the highest professional standards, the speech-language pathology graduate program seeks to prepare future speech-language pathologists for the rigors of clinical practice across the life span. Graduates of the program will influence society in profound ways—for example, enabling children with autism to communicate effectively, relieving adolescents' fears of speaking dysfluently in the classroom, and helping stroke survivors resume activities in which they had previously participated. The comprehensive program of study emphasizes teamwork and interdisciplinary approaches to complex service delivery issues. Through academic and clinical experiences, speech-language pathology graduate students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for a lifetime of professional achievement and social contribution.

This program can be completed in six semesters of full-time study and is designed for students entering without a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders or a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology. Students who already possess a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders or speech-language pathology or who have completed three or more of the bridge courses should consider the Speech-Language Pathology, MS (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/health-sciences/clinical-rehabilitation-sciences/speech-language-pathology-ms/>) program.

Milestone Requirement Options

Students choose either of the following options:

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Students must complete a comprehensive examination during the final year in the program in order to graduate. Students must have completed Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4 (SLPA 6418) or be currently enrolled in SLPA 6418 in order to be eligible to take the comprehensive examination. Students may submit a written request to the program director in order to take the comprehensive examination prior to enrolling in SLPA 6418.

MASTER'S THESIS

Students who elect to complete a master's thesis will have the comprehensive examination requirement waived.

Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes (<https://bouve.northeastern.edu/learning-outcomes/>) for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Milestones

Comprehensive examination or master's thesis

Connect Bridge Coursework

Students are required to complete three or more of the following bridge courses, to be determined by faculty mentor.

A grade of B or higher is required in each course.

Code	Title	Hours
SLPA 5300	Intensive Phonetics	3
SLPA 5302	Intensive Language Development	3
SLPA 5303	Intensive Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism	3
SLPA 5305	Intensive Speech and Hearing Science	3
SLPA 5403	Applied Foundations of Audiology	3

Core Requirements

A grade of B or higher is required in each course.

Code	Title	Hours
Disorders		
SLPA 5201	Diagnostic Testing in Speech-Language Pathology	2
SLPA 6303	Stuttering	3
SLPA 6304	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
SLPA 6305	Articulation and Phonology	3
SLPA 6307	Voice Disorders	3
SLPA 6308	Dysphagia	3
SLPA 6313	Counseling in Speech-Language Pathology	2

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SLPA 6321	Motor Speech Disorders	3
SLPA 6340	Language Disorders in Children 1	3
SLPA 6341	Language Disorders in Children 2	3
SLPA 6342	Speech-Language Disorders In Adults 1	3
SLPA 6343	Speech-Language Disorders in Adults 2	3
Complete one of the following, as determined by the faculty advisor. ¹		3
SLPA 6219	Aural Rehabilitation	
Electives from the list below (p. 2)		
Science		
SLPA 5109	Neurology of Communication	3
SLPA 6300	Speech Science	2
Research		
SLPA 6211	Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion		
SLPA 6360	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Speech-Language Pathology	3
Practicum		
SLPA 6415	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 1 ²	3
SLPA 6416	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 2	2
SLPA 6417	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 3	2
SLPA 6418	Speech-Language Pathology Advanced Clinical Practicum 4	2

¹ Students who are assessed not to require Aural Rehabilitation (SLPA 6219) will choose an *additional* 3 semester hours of electives (below), for a total of 6 semester hours of electives for degree completion.

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 semester hours of coursework from the options below.		3
Students who have previously completed SLPA 5107 (or equivalent, as determined by the faculty advisor) should complete Option B below.		
All other students must complete Option A below.		
Option A		
SLPA 5107	Clinical Procedures	
Option B		
Other courses may be chosen with preapproval of the student's faculty advisor.		
SLPA 6320	Autism	
SLPA 6325	Accent Modification for Speech-Language Pathology	
SLPA 6332	Seminar in Communication Disorders	
SLPA 6339	Language Literacy in Practice	
SLPA 6350	Speech-Language Pathology in Medical Settings	

Optional Thesis

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 semester hours across two semesters with prior approval.		3
SLPA 6990	Thesis	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

69-75 total semester hours required (78 with optional thesis)

Minimum 3.000 GPA required