

## **Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology On-Campus Program**

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Program Information

*Is the program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)?*

- Yes, both the residential and online programs for the MA, Speech Language-Pathology are accredited by the CAA through September 30, 2025.

*What is the general student to professor ratio?*

- We use a cohort model so all students in the cohort take the same classes together each semester. So, each class has 26 students except Neuroscience and Speech Science which include the Audiology program students so they will have 36 students.

*Do we accept international students?*

- Yes, we welcome international students in the program. International students need to take the TOEFL test and demonstrate English competency in written and oral forms. During practicum and internships, students need to be supervised by an ASHA certified supervisor.

*Is the program's approach more theoretical or practical?*

- Our program approach is both pragmatic and theoretical. We provide support for our students using a clinician-researcher model. Please see the overview video of our program on our [webpage](#) and linked [here](#).

*What career planning and job search assistance is available t*



## Undergraduate Preparation

Do I need to have an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders to participate in the program?

- o No. However, this program assumes an undergraduate background in

Can I take one of your courses if I am not enrolled in the master's degree program?

- o No. Classes are only available to currently enrolled students.

## Financial Information

What is the cost of tuition and fees for your program?

- o Please see this [link for a tuition calculator](#). The program is 6673 credits.

Are scholarships or financial assistance available?

- o Each year, we typically award a number of graduate assistantships (contingent upon funding from the graduate school). These are awarded based upon merit. We have been fortunate to offer other smaller awards as well. We also have several hourly positions (\$15/hour) to support some of the grant-funded programs of the faculty. These positions are typically awarded at the beginning of the first spring semester.

How can I be considered for a scholarship or other department awarded positions?

- o All applicants who are offered admission into the program are considered for these opportunities. There is nothing additional you need to do.

Are there any other sources of financial support for graduate students at UNC?

- o Yes. There are several graduate assistantships typically offered each year from programs/units outside the department. Please see the [graduate school website](#) for these other sources of funding.