

Communication Disorders in Multilingual/Multicultural Populations (Graduate Certificate)

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Are you passionate about helping people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds? Broaden your opportunities in a critically important area for speech-language pathology.

Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Communication Disorders in Multilingual/Multicultural Populations (certificate)

Designed for students in the master's degree program in communication disorders, this certificate program provides expanded coursework in issues related to culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

In addition to specialized academic courses, this program offers clinical experience in community-based settings and engagement in community-centered, interprofessional projects.

Students who complete the certificate program have the knowledge and practical experience to effectively address the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse adults, children and families. Knowledge of another language is not required.

At a glance

- College/School: [College of Health Solutions](#)
- Location: [Tempe](#)

Degree requirements

17 credit hours including the required applied project course (SHS 593)

Required Core (10 credit hours)

SHS 524 Counseling in Communication Disorders (2)

SHS 570 Communication Disorders and Multicultural Populations (2)

SHS 586 Language Essentials for Teaching Reading (2)

SHS 588 Bilingual Language Acquisition (2)

SHS 597 Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology (2)

Other Requirement (5 credit hours)

SHS 584 Clinical Internship (5)

Culminating Experience (2 credit hours)

SHS 593 Applied Project (2)

Additional Curriculum Information

The culminating experience is an applied, community-based project that builds depth of knowledge.

Students who wish to obtain a bilingual endorsement must complete the Arizona Classroom Teacher Spanish Proficiency Examination administered by the School of International Letters and Cultures.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the certificate program if they are enrolled in the MS program in communication disorders at ASU.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

Applicants who are currently enrolled in the master's degree program in communication disorders are encouraged to connect early with their graduate advisor regarding the recommended timeline for applying to this certificate program.

Applicants who are not yet admitted to the master's degree program in communication disorders may apply to that program and this certificate program at the same time (separate applications are required). Acceptance to the certificate program is not granted if the applicant is not accepted to the master's degree program.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Adapt communication, assessment, and treatment to meet the cultural and linguistic diversity of the clients they serve.
- Prepared to use evidence-based practices to serve clients who are culturally and linguistically diverse.
- Practice as a speech-language pathology clinician and evaluate appropriate resources, including mentorship, in settings that have culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Career opportunities

Employers in many settings value professionals who are equipped to work with diverse populations. Students can advance their career options as a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist with this certificate, which demonstrates that they have undertaken the specialized training required for working with clients who are from diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds.

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

Contact information

