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Programs in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
- Post-baccalaureate (SLP.D.)
- Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)

Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)

Mission Statement
NSU's master of science in speech-language pathology is designed to meet the ever growing need for trained speech-language pathologists. Within the scientifically based academic and clinical curricula, the faculty incorporates models of best practice and fosters critical thinking skills by nurturing the development of future professionals who can respond to the changing trends and issues in speech-language pathology.

The Program
The master's degree is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Program Components
The instructional portion of the program contains 46 graduate credits and six credits of graduate clinical experience. During the clinical component, students are placed in a variety of sites providing them with a wealth of experiences to augment and ground the knowledge gained during the instructional portion of the program.

Study Areas Include
- Language Disorders in Children
- Language Disorders in Adults
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Voice Disorders
- Dysphagia
- Motor Speech
- Fluency
- Auditory Intervention
- Professional Issues
- Phonological Disorders
- Multicultural and Counseling Issues

In addition to core courses, students take three elective courses, and may choose from such courses as
- Medical Aspects of Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Autism
- Craniofacial Anomalies
- Cognitive Communication Disorders in Adults
- Language and Learning Disabilities in School-Age Children and Adolescents

Post-baccalaureate (SLP.D.)
Designed for individuals interested in earning master's and doctoral degrees, the post-baccalaureate program allows students to complete their doctoral degree in four years while earning their master's degree along the way.
Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)

Mission Statement
Through a professionally focused dynamic doctoral program of study, students enhance their practical knowledge in speech-language pathology, as well as their leadership and business skills.

The Program
The doctoral program in speech-language pathology is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. ASHA does not accredit doctoral level programs in speech-language pathology.

Program Components
The instructional portion of the program is designed to be completed in two years while participants maintain their current employment. Students in the program are required to visit campus twice in the two years—once for orientation and their first course, then once for the Summer Institute.

Study Areas Include
• Advanced Seminar in Voice and Swallowing
• Gerontology
• Technology
• Pharmacology
• Genetics
• Business Management
• Counseling
• Supervision

Summer Institute
Participants are required to attend one Summer Institute. Held every summer (usually in July), the institutes provide national perspectives and trends in speech-language pathology. Participants will also complete one study area during the Summer Institute. Students share experiences with faculty members and nationally known members of the profession.

Transfer Credit
A maximum of six semester hours, earned at the post-master’s level from a regionally accredited institution within the past five years, will be considered toward meeting the graduation requirements.

Cohort Concept
The program is organized by cohorts that consist of private practitioners, school-based speech-language pathologists, university faculty members, and practitioners in healthcare settings. Cohort members share their professional expertise and provide support and encouragement.
Delivery Options

The master's and doctoral programs may be completed on campus in Fort Lauderdale. Additionally, each program has select distance delivery options.

Master's—Distance Sites
The master's program is delivered via real-time interactive compressed/teleconference video to a variety of sites throughout Florida and Mississippi. Currently, there are five sites where the program is delivered in this manner—Bonita Springs, Tampa, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, and Palm Beach Gardens.

Master's—Online
Designed for students at least two hours away from any of the Florida sites, the National Online Cluster is intended for national and international students who would like to earn their master's via the Internet.

Doctoral—Compressed Video
Through real-time interactive compressed/teleconference video, distance doctoral students are able to participate in on-campus classes. Students are provided the distance technology in order to participate in this format. Via this dynamic technology, students are able to attend class from their home or workplace.

Admission Requirements

Master's
• Official transcript reflecting completion of the B.A./B.S.
• Grade point average of 3.0 or better
• Grades of B or better in all field-specific prerequisites
• Oral interview
• Three letters of recommendation from instructors, supervisors, and/or coworkers
• Completed application, including essays

PLEASE NOTE: There is no GRE requirement for the master's program.

Doctoral
• Official transcript indicating conferral of a master's degree in speech-language pathology by a regionally accredited institution with a minimum graduate GPA of 3.2
• Documentation of the Clinical Certificate of Competence or its equivalent (copies of all professional certifications, licenses, or relevant credentialing materials)
• Three years of work experience in the respective field. However, we will consider candidates with strong qualifications and fewer years of work experience
• Vita documenting professional experiences and continuing education activities, professional affiliations, publications, and/or presentations
• Supporting documentation of continuing education, publications, and/or presentations is recommended
• Completed application
• Three letters of recommendation from instructors, supervisors, and/or coworkers.
• Written essay responses to questions relating to the field of communication sciences and disorders
• Miller Analogies Test
Financial Aid

Nova Southeastern University maintains an Office of Student Financial Assistance to aid participants in meeting educational expenses. Participants interested in receiving a financial aid packet should call (954) 262-3380 or 800-806-3680. For additional information, visit the financial aid Web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid.

To Apply

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the master's and doctoral programs. Please return the postage-paid tear-off card or call or write the program office for further information and materials.

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About NSU
Nova Southeastern University is an independent, fully accredited, coeducational institution founded in 1964 as Nova University. The university is internationally known for innovation and quality in both traditional and distance education. Currently, NSU has approximately 73,000 alumni and 19,000 students enrolled in programs in 23 states and 12 countries, and the university continues to grow.

NSU has been named one of the...
• Top 20 cyber-universities by Forbes magazine
• Best 201 Colleges for the Real World
• Top 100 wired colleges by U.S. News & World Report
• Top 100 Most-Wired Colleges by Yahoo! Internet Life
• Best Distance Learning Graduate Schools by Princeton Review

How NSU benefits you
• Asynchronous learning—flexibility to fit your busy life and work schedule
• The experience of a full-time faculty
• Classes delivered online are the same as those delivered in the traditional classroom environment

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097. Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.