



## Metro State's Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Course Application

### SLHS 4550 Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Methods (7 credits)

Metro State's Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) seminar and field experience course allows students with an undergraduate major and/or equivalent coursework in Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences to gain the competencies required for employment as an SLPA in schools. The course is composed of a 3-credit online seminar and a 4-credit public school SLPA internship. The 4-credit field experience requires 180 hours of internship work under the direction of an ASHA certified speech-language pathologist.

SLHS 4550 is offered online through Extended Campus during fall and spring semesters and is open to both degree and non-degree seeking students who have completed the SLHS prerequisites listed below. If space in the course is limited, preference will be given to Metro State degree- and certificate-seeking students. Students **cannot enroll** in this course without first applying for and receiving permission from the Metro State SLPA Program Coordinator.

### Application Procedure

Submit the following information to Kelly Dougherty, [kdoughe7@mscd.edu](mailto:kdoughe7@mscd.edu), Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Campus Box 34, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217-3362, Department fax 303-556-6239; phone 303-352-7065 by **April 20** for fall semester and **October 15** for spring.

- 1) A letter of intent describing your professional goals and relevant experience. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.
- 2) Two letters of reference addressing your strengths as a student, employee, and/or potential SLPA.
- 3) Official transcripts documenting completion of prerequisite courses completed within the past 10 years with a grade of C or better and bachelor's degree or candidacy.<sup>1</sup>

**Prerequisites:** Completion of 25 observation hours supervised by ASHA certified professional and the following SLHS courses.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Speech and Hearing Science</b> (SLHS 2530 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Anatomy and Physiology of Speech</b> (SLHS 3511 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Language Acquisition</b> (SLHS 2890 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Phonetics</b> (SLHS 3540 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Speech Disorders</b> (SLHS 3580 or equivalent)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Language Disorders</b> (SLHS 4510 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Audiological Evaluation</b> (SLHS 3600 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Aural Rehabilitation</b> (SLHS 4610 or equivalent)</li><li>• <b>Principles of Assessment and Intervention</b> (SLHS 4500 or equivalent) is also required. Students who have earned a bachelor's degree in another field and have completed all prerequisite SLHS coursework may submit an alternative assignment to fulfill this requirement.</li></ul>
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<sup>1</sup>Courses **must** be taken in sequence with SLHS 4550 during the final program semester. Students may take SLHS 4610 concurrently with SLHS 4550; all other prerequisites must be completed prior to SLHS 4550.

### Admission/Tuition/Admissions

New students will also be assessed a \$25 non-refundable application fee and a \$50 one-time matriculation fee. Students may obtain current information about admission procedures and tuition/fees at [www.mscd.edu](http://www.mscd.edu). **Once accepted to the SLHS 4550 course**, students must complete **all** Metro State admissions and registration procedures by May 10th for the fall semester and by November 20<sup>th</sup> for the spring semester. *See above for SLPA course application deadlines.*