



USC Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Program Credits

69 units

Standard Completion Time

2 years over 6 semesters

Program Website

<https://keck.usc.edu/speech-language-pathology-ms-program/>

Apply At USC

<https://usc.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

USC Graduate Admissions

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THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (MS-SLP)

is offered through the [Caruso Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery \(OHNS\)](#) within the Keck School of Medicine at USC. The MS-SLP is a 69-unit residential program offered over the course of six semesters, completed in two years. In order to provide exceptional services to individuals with communication and swallowing disorders, our students will develop skills in critical thinking, compassionate care, cultural sensitivity, collaborative practice and clinical excellence. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible for school credentialing in speech-language pathology in the state of California, as well as for the Required Professional Experience (RPE) for California state licensure and for a Clinical Fellowship (CF) leading to national certification (CCC) through the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).

WHAT MAKES USC'S PROGRAM UNIQUE?

USC is uniquely situated in the heart of Los Angeles, one of the largest and most diverse metropolitan cities in the nation. The MS-SLP is housed within the Caruso Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (OHNS), and within the Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) at USC. The program's mission and goals reflect our commitment to innovative teaching and learning experiences. All students, faculty and staff meet monthly as a full program for Coffee and Conversation, ensuring interaction and learning together. Due to our relationship with USC affiliated hospitals, KSOM and our own OHNS department's specialization in voice, head and neck surgery and hearing, our students will have opportunities to learn from SLPs and professional partners in the Trojan community who are practicing at the top of their license and leading the way in these areas of practice. The same is true in other clinical settings, including private practices and urban school settings, consistent with the mission of both the program and the university to reach and serve this community. Additionally, USC is a premier research institution. Our students have opportunities to work side-by-side with researchers across disciplines in our unique Capstone experience. We capitalize on our vibrant city and the strength of our university's research, medical and educational standing which offer unlimited opportunities for creativity in teaching and training.

WHY BECOME A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

- Ranked #31 among the Top Best 100 Jobs, US News and World Report (2023)
- Work in a variety of settings, including health care, education, university, clinical, private practice, and others
- Service to individuals with communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan
- Work in the service of others on interprofessional teams
- Great job satisfaction, job stability and growth opportunities
- Future job growth projected at 29% between 2020 – 2030





PROGRAM FACTS:

- The USC Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program (MS-SLP) is part of the USC Caruso Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (OHNS). The OHNS Department is part of the Keck School of Medicine. We share the values of KSOM and OHNS specifically related to inclusion, diversity and serving an urban community.
- The MS-SLP is a full time, two-year, six semester program. We operate a cohort model, with a class of 25 student following the same course of learning in their academic preparation.
- Students in the program will be prepared to provide speech-language pathology service in both educational and health care settings.
- Student admission is once a year only, with the program starting in the fall.

VALUES:

Equity and Ethics - Inclusive Spirit - Cultural Sensitivity – Leadership - Community Engagement and Service - Access and Opportunity - Person Centered Care – Wellness – Compassion – Research - Collaboration and Interprofessional Education – Innovation

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Students who are interested in pursuing a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at USC should review the information on our application and admissions process on our Program website's Admission page (<https://keck.usc.edu/speech-language-pathology-ms-program/admissions/>)

CAA ACCREDITATION STATUS:

The Master of Science (M.S.) education program in Speech Language Pathology (residential) at the University of Southern California is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. Candidacy is a “preaccreditation” status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of 5 years.

