



SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

COMPARISON OF MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE TRACK OFFERINGS

Features	Educational Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.-EdSLP)	Medical Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.-MedSLP)	Clinical Research Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.-CoreSLP)
Curricular Focus	Foundational coursework that meets ASHA's certification requirements. Specialized coursework dedicated to literacy development and disorders, special education, cultural and linguistic diversity, and language development in autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disabilities. Master's thesis optional.	Foundational coursework that meets ASHA's certification requirements. Specialized coursework in medical speech-language pathology, traumatic brain injury, dementia, right hemisphere disorders, complex neurogenic disorders, and medical setting voice treatment/assessment, including application of knowledge within a medical framework. Master's thesis optional.	Foundational coursework that meets ASHA's certification requirements. Specialized coursework in statistical analysis, research methods, and a research seminar in speech and hearing sciences. Paired with a faculty research mentor who oversees research training, lab work, and the execution of a mandatory master's thesis.
Clinical Experiences	Clinical education occurs in the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic (year 1) as well as in the WA public school system (year 2). Provides exposure to both pediatric and adult populations across the lifespan. Explores a range of educational groups: early development, preschool, elementary, secondary education, and transition planning. Students complete a culminating internship in the public schools.	Clinical education occurs in the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic (year 1) as well as healthcare/community settings (year 2) including hospitals, outpatient clinics, private practices, skilled nursing facilities, and birth-3 centers. Provides exposure to both pediatric and adult populations across the lifespan. Students select a pediatric or adult population emphasis and complete a culminating internship with a population and healthcare/community setting of choice.	Clinical education occurs in the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic as well as healthcare, community, or school settings. Provides exposure to both pediatric and adult populations across the lifespan. Students select either a pediatric or adult population emphasis path that aligns with research interests. Complete a culminating internship with a population and clinical setting of choice (schools or healthcare/community).
Interprofessional Experiences	<i>Collaborating with Educational Teams</i> course with students in the Special Education Teacher Preparation Program and Applied Behavior Analysis Program. Experience working on IEP teams and with families in the public schools. Prepares students for effective practice as collaborative team members in public school settings.	<i>Perspectives In Interprofessional Practice</i> course with students in rehab medicine (PT, OT, Orthotics & Prosthetics, etc.). Clinical experience working as part of early intervention and/or rehabilitation teams. Prepares students for effective practice as collaborative team members in healthcare/community settings.	<i>Perspectives In Interprofessional Practice</i> course with students in rehab medicine (PT, OT, Orthotics & Prosthetics, etc.). Clinical experience working as part of early intervention and/or rehabilitation teams. Prepares students for effective practice as collaborative team members in healthcare/community settings.
Typical Cohort Size	26	26	2-4
Total Credits Earned	93	97	113
Program Duration	7 quarters	8 quarters	8 quarters
Student Funding Opportunities	Recruitment Scholarships CASE Scholars Program In-State Tuition Reciprocity with select western states Eligible for Federal Funding (FAFSA)	Recruitment Scholarships Eligible for Federal Funding (FAFSA)	Recruitment Scholarships Top Scholar Awards WICHE/WRG Program In-State Tuition Reciprocity Eligible for Federal AND State Funding (FAFSA)
Program Funding Model	Fee-based or self-sustaining with flat, quarterly tuition rates based on WA residency status.	Fee-based or self-sustaining with flat, quarterly tuition rate for both residents and non-residents.	State funded with a quarterly tuition rate based on credits and WA residency status.
Quarterly Tuition Estimate	In State: \$6,700 Out of State: \$8,300	\$7,694	In State: \$5,798 Out of State: \$10,098
Total Program Tuition Estimate	In State: \$46,900 Out of State: \$58,100	\$61,552	In State: \$46,384 Out of State: \$80,784