Non-Majors and SLHS Prerequisites for the MA-SLP Program

Thank you for your interest in our graduate program. There are three different options to consider if you do not have an undergraduate degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. They are:

1. Apply to the graduate program. If accepted your program will take 3 years with the first year consisting primarily of undergrad pre-requisite coursework. This is a good option if you feel you are likely to be admitted based on your GRE scores and your undergraduate GPA(s). Typically the lowest GPA we consider is approximately 3.3, with the average GPA of admitted students being above 3.6 and average GRE scores above 308 on the Revised GRE score scale (1200 on the previous GRE scale). We typically do not accept students with GRE scores below about 300 on the Revised GRE score scale (1100 on the previous GRE scale) and look at percentages to determine acceptance.

2. Take the six undergraduate pre-requisite classes prior to applying to our graduate program. You can take the prerequisites at any university. These courses will be reviewed for equivalency upon acceptance into the graduate program.

Some options in Colorado:
   a. You can take the courses through the University of Colorado Boulder Division of Continuing Education as an “ACCESS” student (contact Continuing Ed for more information about costs and how to do this). The one downside of this option is that you will not be able to register for classes until the several days before classes start and some of our class can fill up.
   b. Take the courses at Metro State University in Denver or the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Please note that their prerequisite program requires courses that we do not require. Take the courses through an online prerequisite program. See http://slhs.colorado.edu/online_programs/SLPP/index.php
   c. Take the courses through the University of Colorado Boulder on-line perquisite program (SLPP). See: http://slhs.colorado.edu/slpp-online.

3. Complete a second undergraduate degree in SLHS.

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SLHS Prerequisites

All are 3 credit hour courses

SLHS 3006: Phonetics OR LING 3100: Sound Structures of Language

SLHS 3116: Speech Science. Provides a basic understanding of the structural organization
(anatomy), function (physiology), and neural controls of the structures used to produce
speech, swallowing, respiration, and related behaviors in humans.

SLHS 3106: Hearing Science. Focuses on the three main aspects of the hearing process: sounds in
the environment (physical acoustics), sounds encoded within the auditory system (physiological
acoustics), and perception of sound (psychological acoustics).

SLHS 4560: Language Development. Covers the development of language in childhood and into
adult life, emphasizing the role of environment and biological endowment in learning to
communicate with words, sentences, and narratives.

SLHS 4704: Audiological Evaluation. Studies basic principles and techniques of hearing
evaluation, including pure-tone, speech, immitance, and advanced audiometry; hearing
conservation in hospital, school, and industrial settings; and identification and evaluation of
auditory pathologies. Required projects in screening and pure-tone audiometry.

SLHS 4714: Audiological Rehabilitation. Covers basic principles and techniques related to the
habilitation and rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing: amplification,
speech, language, auditory, speech reading, and educational issues.
NOTE: The graduate level course may also be taken in lieu of this course.

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In addition to the preprofessional required courses listed above, the following undergraduate courses are necessary for certification. Although UCB does not require these courses for entry into the MA-SLP program, they must be taken prior to graduation.

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