



Northeastern University

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

School of Health Professions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I enter the Program before taking the Program prerequisites?

- We require 5 prerequisite courses:
 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism*
 - Introduction to Audiology*
 - Introduction to Speech and Hearing Science*
 - Language Development*
 - Phonetics*
- SLP applicants may apply to our Graduate Program before having completed the 5 prerequisites but cannot start the Program before having completed them.
- Au.D. applicants may apply to our Program prior to the completion of the courses but will be asked, if possible, to take at least *Introduction to Audiology* and *Speech and Hearing Science* prior to beginning the Program.

Where can I take the required prerequisite courses?

- You can take them at **any college, preferably in an ASHA accredited program**. You need to **get a C or better in each of these courses**.
- You can take them through the SLPA Dept at Northeastern University (NU). We offer each once per academic year, either in the fall or spring semester, and you may apply to take prereq courses as a **special student** through Bouvè Graduate Student Services. Check the NU website for up-to-date information on course offerings and call the Bouvè Graduate Admissions Office, 617-323-2708 for the paperwork and any registration help that you may need.
- You can check NU's School of Professional and Continuing Studies as they offer some but not all of these courses (see the University website).
- You can search for online options.

How big is your Program?

- Our Programs are fairly small. The SLP Program has 35-40 incoming graduate students per year. The Au.D. Program has about 8-9 incoming graduate students per year. As a result, students and faculty get to know each other well, and students become friends for life. At Northeastern, you have all of the advantages of a **large university campus**, including facilities you would expect to find at a major urban university, along with all of the **advantages of a small, intimate program**.

Where can I find information about the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SLPA) Programs?

- For an overview of the SLP Grad Program, go to:
<http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/programs/mspeechpath.html>.
- For an overview of the Au.D. Program, go to:

http://www.northeastern.edu/gradstudies/programs_at_a_glance/?id=39.

For more information about both Programs, including **Program brochures**, go to our Department website at www.slpa.neu.edu. Our Programs are accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Do I need to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)?

- GRE's are a required part of the application. A combined score of greater than a 1000 is needed, with a verbal score of 400 or greater and a quantitative score of 500 or greater. Scores must be sent directly from ETS to NU.

What sort of financial support does the Program offer?

- We have available a number of **Stipended Graduate Assistants** (SGAs) that provide tuition remission and a stipend in return for 20 hours of work per week. Fill out your FAFSA!
- **Dean's Scholarships** are offered to students based on academic performance. These are based on undergraduate transcripts and provide tuition remission.
- Students are often **hired by faculty to work on their research grants**. These provide a stipend and/or course credit. Check out our faculty's interests and research areas and see whose work matches your interests and experience. Send that faculty a vita and letter of interest to make an appointment.

Where can I find information regarding Graduate Admissions?

- Graduate Admissions requirements and other related information can be found at the Bouvè College of Health Services website, <http://www.bouve.neu.edu/>.
- For information about Open Houses (live and virtual) and Admissions, please visit: <http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/gradstudent/index.html>.

**GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST
IN OUR PROGRAM!!**

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What Makes Northeastern University's Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Programs Stand Out?

We offer an M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) and an Au.D. in Audiology. Most Programs in SLP and Audiology have similarities in their curricula since our scope of practice is determined by our national accrediting agency, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Differences among the Programs include the settings of the programs (College, University or Hospital), the research interests of the faculty, and the facilities. Here are some of the features that we believe make Northeastern unique and attractive to graduate students:

1. We have a strong inter-disciplinary focus.

- We have Programs in both SLP and Audiology, which allows students to learn a great deal about both disciplines and how they relate. We are the only program in Boston with an Au.D.
- Being part of Bouvè College, we are members of an inter-disciplinary team that includes such disciplines as Counseling Psychology, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy. To read more about our inter-disciplinary emphasis, go to <http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/about/index.html>.
- Our students have diverse undergraduate backgrounds, with some having an undergraduate degree in SLP and/or Audiology and others have an undergraduate degree in another discipline. This diversity is a positive for both our students and our faculty.

2. Our faculty are internationally recognized researchers who are all active in their fields and involve students in their research.

- We are all involved in evidence-based practice, led by our Dept. Chair, Dr. Ralf Schlosser, an expert in this area. This approach requires clinical practice to be motivated by the most pertinent findings in the literature, as they relate to individual clients.
- Our faculty combines interests in theory with a focus on practice-oriented research. Please visit our web-site at <http://www.slpa.neu.edu/faculty.html> to see each faculty member's bio and research interests.
- Our faculty have links with world-recognized hospitals such as Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital, Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

3. We have student-centered and friendly faculty.

- With a student-faculty ratio of 3-4 students per faculty, students have easy, ongoing access to faculty and are strongly supported throughout their Program.
- Students comment on the close relationships they develop with faculty and the support they receive to reach their maximum potential. We also help students develop extra curricular activities through professional clubs and associations. Matthews Distinguished Professor Mary Florentine and SLP Clinical Teaching Faculty Ruth Margulies are actively involved in guiding our NU Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NUSSLHA).

4. Our facilities are new and state of the art.

- We have faculty offices and newly renovated research space in the Forsyth Building. We utilize the classrooms in the hi-tech, Behrakis Health Sciences Center which opened in 2003.

5. Our Speech-Language and Hearing Center, our on-site Clinic, located in Behrakis, is the heart of the Department.

- Our goal is to provide our students with an unparalleled interdisciplinary clinical experience both on and off campus. The Center provides services in both Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to members of the Boston Community. These services are provided by the students under the supervision of our clinical faculty, five days and two evenings a week. Our Center houses \$800,000 of new equipment.

6. We have many quality educational and medical external placement sites in Greater Boston and beyond.

- Students complete multiple semesters of external placement work across ages, diagnoses, and settings with our practicing community-based colleagues. Students are required to have access to a car and travel to and from their external sites by car, commuter rail, and/or public transportation.
- Faculty work with students to explore new placement options for example, out-of-state.

7. Our clinical Audiology Program, ably directed by Sandra Cleveland, benefits from a recent endowment of over a million dollars from the Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing, a distinguished and venerable charitable organization, whose roots in Boston go back to the early 1900's.

- The generous gift allows us to expand our educational and support services into this community.

8. The university campus is a green and pleasant place for students and faculty to spend their time.

- Students describe Northeastern as having a “campus feel.” The landscaping and design give Northeastern University a small town feeling.
- Northeastern University’s location in the heart of the city allows rapid access to sports venues, shopping, museums, concert halls and, most importantly, many clinical sites. We are conveniently close to public transportation.

9. Northeastern is a large urban university nationally recognized for its focus on practice-oriented education.

- Students have endless opportunities to combine theory and practice through academics, clinical experiences, research, and community service.
- Students frequently choose to enroll in elective courses in areas of personal interest as part of their graduate program. For example, some of our students take electives in American Sign Language, Multicultural Service Delivery, and Neuroscience.
- Students complete Comprehensive Exams or may elect to complete a thesis.
- Students are given numerous opportunities to contribute their developing skills to various groups or causes within the local, national and international communities.

10. Our Programs are full-time programs.

- Students complete their clinical experiences during the day.
- Academic courses are primarily offered late afternoons and evenings.
- Students matriculate in September.