## **Speech-Language Pathology Master’s Degree Program**

### **Statewide Distance Venue – In Partnership with TWU and ESCs**

To help meet the critical need for licensed speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in Texas public schools, [Texas Woman’s University](https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/communication-sciences-coms/coms-programs/ms-in-speech-language-pathology/distance-education-slp-degree--admission-details/) (TWU), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Education Service Centers (ESCs), and local school districts have partnered to offer a unique, distance-based master’s degree program in Speech-Language Pathology.

This program is designed for both individuals with and without prior experience in the field. Students complete coursework through a combination of videoconferencing, live Zoom sessions, and web-based instruction. Clinical experiences are completed at local school campuses, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and rehabilitation centers.

Graduates are eligible to apply for:

* Texas licensure in speech-language pathology
* Certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

**Accreditation:** [TWU’s Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology](https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/communication-sciences-coms/coms-programs/ms-in-speech-language-pathology/distance-education-slp-degree--admission-details/) is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of ASHA.

### **Program Highlights**

* Designed specifically to increase the number of SLPs in Texas public schools
* Only open to applicants committed to working in a Texas public or charter school
* Students work as licensed SLP assistants while earning their master’s degree
* Sponsorship from a school district or charter school is required
* Students attend weekly in-person classes at their regional Education Service Center (ESC)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the admission prerequisites?** Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree. If your degree is not in Communication Sciences and Disorders or a related field, you will need to complete **leveling coursework** (22 credit hours) before beginning the master’s program. These courses are offered by TWU or may be completed at other universities with equivalent content.  
 👉 [TWU Leveling Course Info](https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/speech-language-pathology-ms/#levelingcoursestext)

**Is this a fully online program?** No. While the program uses distance learning, it is **not entirely online**. Students attend in-person evening classes at their assigned ESC once a week and participate in live Zoom classes. Clinical practicum hours must be completed in person.

**Can I work full-time during the program?** Yes! Most students work full-time in public schools as licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs) while completing the 2-year program.  
 👉 [SLPA Licensure Info – TDLR](https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/slpa/slp-assistant-apply.htm)

**When can I apply?**

* **Cycle 13** is currently in progress through **August 2027**.
* **Cycle 14** will begin **Summer 2027**.  
   If you hold a bachelor’s degree in another field, now is the time to complete the required leveling courses.  
   **Check back in 2026 for application details and information sessions.**

For more information or questions, please see [TWU Distance Education SLP Degree & Admission Details](https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/communication-sciences-coms/coms-programs/ms-in-speech-language-pathology/distance-education-slp-degree--admission-details/), or contact:  
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