

The Degree of Master of Speech and Language Pathology (MSLP – 240 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2026.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2014.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Degree of Master of Speech and Language Pathology a student:

- (a) must pass courses having a total value of 240 points from Parts I and II as listed in the Master of Speech and Language Pathology Schedule C;
- (b) may not enrol for Part II until Part I has been completed, unless special approval is given by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, upon the recommendation of the Tumuaki Kura, Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | Head of the School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing or delegate;
- (c) who requires additional courses as a condition of enrolment for Part I, must pass those courses prior to entry.

4. Admission to the qualification

- (a) Entry into Part I of the Master of Speech and Language Pathology is limited. A student must submit an enrolment application and a separate programme application form (complete with a statement of interest and two letters of recommendation) to the Tumuaki Kura, Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | Head of the School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing. Admission Regulation 11(b)(ii) does not apply. Selection is based on an assessment of the following indicators: Academic merit; the statement of interest; the letters of recommendation; and performance in an interview with a programme representative or representatives. The Admissions Committee of the Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing may establish criteria to determine which applicants will be short listed for interviews. Applicants who are not short listed will not be offered a place in the degree programme.
- (b) A student for the degree of Master of Speech and Language Pathology must have:
 - i. either:
 - a. qualified for the award of any bachelor's or master's degree, with an overall graduating Grade Point Average of B or higher; or
 - b. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
 - ii. passed one course in Statistics at 100-level or above.
 - iii. satisfied English language requirements: A student for whom English is not their first language must provide IELTS scores that meet the following minimum requirements: IELTS (Academic) average of at least 7.0, with no score lower than 6.5; and
 - iv. been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate. Selection is based on academic merit, a statement of interest and an interview with departmental representatives.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with a time limit of 48 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, which permits 30 points of course failures to qualify for the qualification, with the following stipulations:

- A student who fails any of the academic courses in Part I, may repeat those courses, but may not progress to the Part II curriculum until all those courses are passed.
- A student who fails a clinical course may, under exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, repeat that course once only. If the course is failed a second time, the student will be withdrawn from the MSLP programme. A student may only repeat one clinical course. If they fail a second clinical course, they will be withdrawn from the MSLP programme.
- A student must attain a B Grade Point Average in Part I to progress to Part II.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

There are no exit qualifications for this degree.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Speech and Language Pathology

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

The following information outlines the core requirements. For in-depth course information please refer to the Rārangī Akoranga | Course Catalogue section of the Maramataka | Calendar or on Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury website.

Part I

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
HEAR663	Audiologic Assessment and Management	15	S1	Campus	R: HEAR243 EQ: CMDS633
SPSC621	Speech Sound Disorders	15	S2	Campus	P: SPSC661 R: SPSC232
SPSC623	Child Language Practice 1	15	S2	Campus	P: SPSC661 and approval by the Head of School. R: SPSC222
SPSC661	Applied Linguistics and Language Acquisition	15	S1	Campus	R: CMDS221, CMDS231, SPSC223 EQ: CMDS661
SPSC662	Stuttering and Cluttering	15	S1	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: (1) CMDS351, (2) SPSC451
SPSC664	Professional Studies and Clinical Practice 1	15	S1	Campus	R: SPSC281, CMDS368
SPSC667	Neuroscience of Communication and Swallowing	15	S1	Campus	R: (1) CMDS162, (2) SPSC262
SPSC668	Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 2	15	X	Campus	P: SPSC664. R: SPSC282, SPSC263 and CMDS462

Part II

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
SPSC622	Motor Speech and Voice Disorders	15	S2	Campus	P: SPSC667 and approval by the Head of School R: SPSC322, SPSC363 and SPSC367
SPSC669	Dysphagia and Related Disorders - Diagnosis	15	S1	Campus	P: SPSC667. Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: SPSC365
SPSC670	Acquired Neurogenic Communication Disorders	15	S1	Campus	P: SPSC667. Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: SPSC369
SPSC671	Applied Research and Clinical Practice 3	15	X	Campus	P: (1) SPSC664, (2) SPSC668. R: SPSC381
SPSC672	Child Language Practice 2	15	S1	Campus	P: SPSC665. Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: SPSC320 EQ: CMDS672
SPSC674	Dysphagia and Related Disorders: Management	15	S2	Campus	P: SPSC669. Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: (1) CMDS465, (2) SPSC366
SPSC675	Evidence-based Case Integration in the Aotearoa Context	15	S2	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: SPSC461
SPSC676	Professional Studies and Clinical Practice 4	15	NO		P: (1) SPSC664, (2) SPSC668, (3) SPSC671. Entry subject to approval by the Head of School. R: (1) SPSC468, (2) SPSC484