

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY STUDIES FOR THE S.L.P.

This 12 semester credit hour certificate program prepares graduate students to assess and treat communication disorders in culturally and linguistically diverse populations. The program includes online academic coursework and a supervised clinical practicum opportunity and is available to students concurrently enrolled in the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology program.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Effectively diagnose communication disorders in culturally and linguistically diverse populations.
2. Effectively treat communication disorders in culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

12 semester credit hours (SCH).

Interested students will be required to apply and be accepted to the graduate program in speech-language pathology. The required coursework includes 9 SCH of online academic classes and 3 SCH of a clinical practicum experience with at least 75 clock hours of assessing and treating culturally and linguistically diverse individuals. Students must earn grades of A or B in all classes and successfully pass a portfolio examination.

Code	Title	SCHs
Required Courses		
COMS 5621	Special Populations and Communication Disorders	1
COMS 5022	Integrating Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Professional Practice	2
COMS 5443	Clinical Externship	3
Choose two of the following		6
EDBE 5653	Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Practices	
HDFS 5153	Family Changes and Diversity	

HS 5423	Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Health Decisions
HS 5723	Health Care in a Culture of Poverty
SOCI 5643	Race and Ethnic Groups in the United States
WS 5193	Rights, Race, and Social Justice
Total SCHs	12