



Application Guidelines for **Speech and Hearing Sciences (MS)**

Application Deadlines **February 1st by 9:59 p.m. MST**

Website **<http://shs.unm.edu/programs/master-of-science/apply.html>**

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
Educational Background	Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded to the online application. They must include final grades for the fall semester immediately prior to the February 1 st deadline (if applicable). Official transcripts must be sent to the UNM Office of Admissions.
Program of Interest	Select: College of Arts and Sciences > Speech and Hearing Sciences
Test Scores	Please include an unofficial copy of your GRE scores. Official test scores should be sent to the UNM Office of Admissions, institutional code 4845.
Letter of Intent	There are no official guidelines for letters of intent. However, reviewers might expect that it would include an explanation of why you wish to attend this graduate program and why you think you will succeed here. You can use the letter to highlight your strengths and experiences, explain any special circumstances, and explain your goals. Examples of strengths and experiences include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluency in additional languages• Volunteer work or employment experiences in related fields• Any prior research or research-related experiences
Relevant Coursework	A minimum of 9 credit hours of SHS coursework must be completed prior to application. You may skip the Relevant Coursework section, unless you have coursework that is relevant to your admission that may not be obvious to a reviewer (SHS courses taken as Linguistics courses; ex: LING 303 = English Phonetics.)
Assistantship Interest	In order to be considered for departmental financial aid, your online application must include the departmental financial aid application (http://shs.unm.edu/assets/documents/financialaidapplication.pdf). Upload your financial aid form in the Assistantship Interest section of UNM's online application.
Recommendations	Three (3) letters of recommendation are required through the online application system. Only the first three letters of recommendation will be accepted; additional letters received after the first three will not be accepted. Instruct your recommenders to follow the email prompts. Give your recommenders plenty of time to complete the letters and submit them online. Most prefer that you provide them your résumé, an unofficial transcript, and clear instructions on how to fill out and submit the letter, including deadlines. Most faculty prefer that you get the materials to them by the end of November for January and February deadlines. The letters that are most helpful in our admissions decision process are those that come from faculty with whom you have taken classes. We encourage you to obtain two letters from faculty members: one from an SHS/CSD faculty member, and one from a faculty member in another academic discipline. The third letter of recommendation can come from a mentor in your community.