



## Graduate Certificate: Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology Specialization



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There is a persistent and chronic shortage of speech-language pathologists who have the clinical and academic experiences that are necessary to leverage their Spanish language skills. This Certificate program is designed to develop Spanish skills into a culturally responsive and powerful toolkit to provide appropriate and evidence-based clinical services to children who speak Spanish and for whom English may be their second language.

### Graduate Certificate in Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology

This 15 unit graduate certificate is designed to prepare highly qualified professionals who speak Spanish to provide pediatric speech-language services to children and their families who are bilingual and speak Spanish, and for whom English may be their second language. It is currently under review and is expected to be approved by Spring, 2020. Currently admitted students can begin taking required courses now to be counted towards the Certificate Program once it is approved.

### Admission to the Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Speech- Language Pathology Certificate

Two groups of applicants may enter the Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Certificate: (a) current graduate students who are enrolled in master's degrees in Communicative Disorders and who speak Spanish; and (b) practicing speech-language pathologists who speak Spanish. To apply, go to [CalState Apply](#) and select *Graduate Certificate in Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology*.

### Benefits of the Pediatric Spanish-Bilingual Speech- Language Pathology Certificate

Through participation in 9 units of coursework and 6 units of concurrent field experiences, candidates who speak Spanish will leverage their Spanish language skills to gain knowledge of evidence-based best practice to assess, diagnose and treat children and their families who speak Spanish.

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