

Call for Public Comments about the Master's Program in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) by the Council of Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)

In accordance with the CAA's Public Comment policy and procedures, the CAA is seeking public comment as part of its review of Bethel University's master's degree program in speech-language pathology, which applied for candidacy in July 2025. A CAA team site visit is taking place on Monday, January 26, 2026. For those who would like to attend the meeting in person, the meeting room/time information is below.

Location:

**Hagstrom Center (HC) 241
3900 Bethel Drive
St. Paul, MN: 55112**

Time: **5:00-5:30 PM CST**

Note: Please email Jayanti Ray at j-ray@bethel.edu if you plan to attend the public meeting over Zoom.

Additionally, if you wish to provide input about the MS-SLP program seeking candidacy, please submit your written comments before Jan 22, 2026. Comments received after this time will not be forwarded to the site visit team for consideration during the accreditation review, in accordance with the procedures specified in Chapter XII of the Accreditation Handbook.

Comments may be submitted by email (accreditation@asha.org), fax (301-296-8570), or mailed to Accreditation Public Comment, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850.

All comments must:

1. Relate to the program's compliance with the current Standards for Accreditation.
2. Identify that the MS-SLP program is seeking candidacy with the CAA.
3. All written testimony—including comments faxed or submitted as email attachments—must include the commenter's name, address, telephone contact information, and the commenter's relationship to the program for Accreditation staff to verify the source of the testimony.
4. All comments must be signed.
5. Comments that do not meet these requirements will not be considered, and the individual or group commenting will be notified.

Thank you for your participation in this important accreditation-related public comment event.

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