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Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate the rationale for our request to move of the date for masters level licenses from the proposed 2025 to 2026 under the NAC 391.370

Program in Speech-Language Pathology

Speech Pathology B.A. - housed in School of Education, NSC campus

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology is a pre-professional program designed to prepare students for advanced study in Speech Language Pathology and/or to obtain the necessary licensure to work within the school systems in the State of Nevada.

We are the only program in Southern Nevada.

We are committed to graduating quality students to serve the schools in Nevada.

Quality of preparedness

We require quality training, with minimum 3.0 GPA entry for our students.

Students obtain clinical training in 3 course labs in assessment and treatment, and

CCSD provides a full externship practicum for final term (spring or fall)

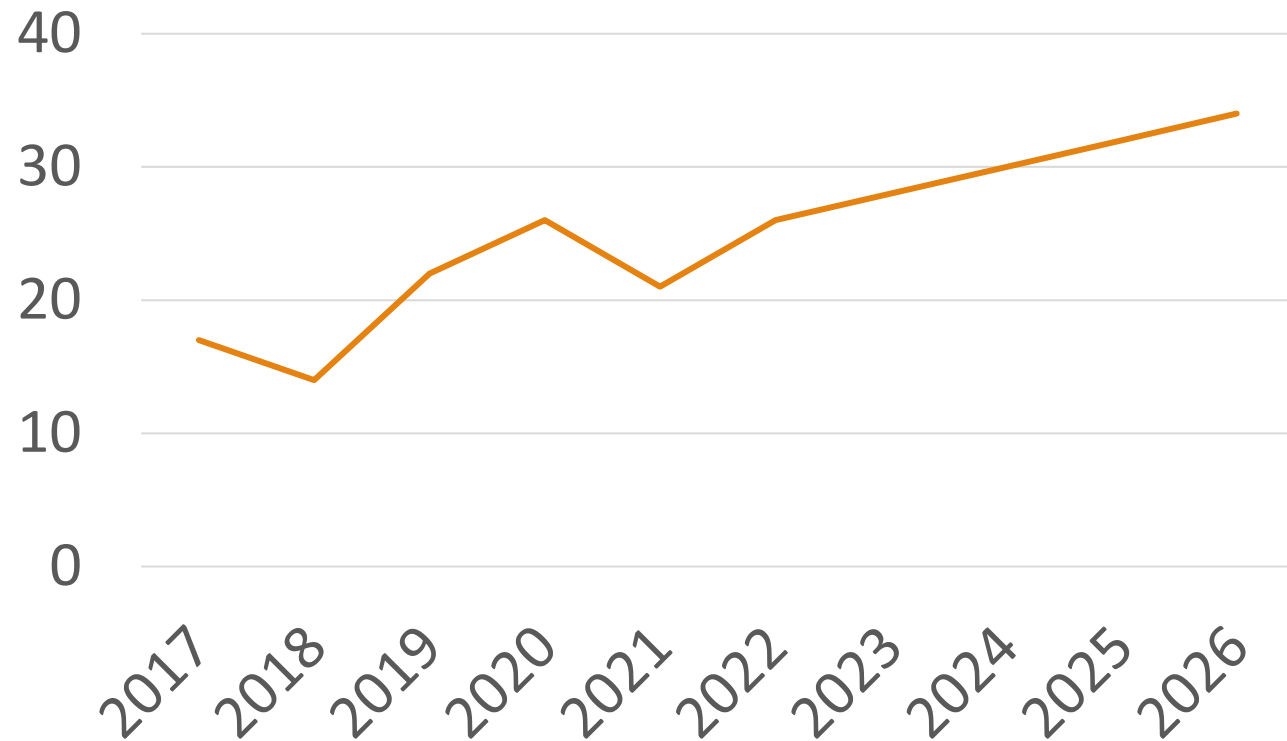
Historically

- The speech pathology undergraduate program started graduating students in 2006 with 2 students!
- The next 10 years (2006 to 2016) resulted in 101 graduates prepared to work in the schools.
- We continue to improve the program and the next 4 years (2017-2021) we graduated another 100 students.

A look at next 4 years:

Our statistical projection-- from 2022-2026 we will graduate 150 students

Speech -Pathology UG completers



There are students in the pipeline

What happens to the students graduating in 2026?

Currently at NSC we have students in the program under a catalog curriculum that includes practicum training and expectation of employment in schools with B.A.

Student type	Number currently	Expected complete Fall 2022	Expected new enrolled Fall of 2022	Number by End Fall 2022
Pre-speech meet GPA	102	n/a	~20	122
Program Admitted	44	12	? (from pre-speech)	34
Post Bacc SLEP*	11	5**	none*	6
Total	157	17	~20	162

*Speech-Language Educ Program placed on hold for new applicants in anticipation of licensure change. Post Bacc SLEP tend to take part-time and would not finish pre 2026

**of the 5 Post Bacc completers 3 headed for schools, and 2 accepted to graduate program.

New students of Curriculum Catalog 2022 will be most affected by change to 2025 for Masters only NV DOE licensure.

Even though the NSC catalog promises a training to work in the schools, they will not be able to meet the timeframe for a license.

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- Students who started Curriculum catalog 2021 are a mix. Some may be able to meet the deadline, but:
 - Many of the students are part-time students with full-time jobs, so they don't complete at traditional 4 year college rate.

Master's degree plan

NSC recognizes the importance of a Masters minimum for the field of Speech-Language Pathology.

We initiated the first Southern Nevada graduate program with the in 2019 and produced the first set of graduates in 2021.

But we have promised 150+ undergraduate students a career path. We can use your help.

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Our plan and request

1. NSC is submitting the internal paperwork to request Curriculum Catalog change for Fall of 2023. That is the earliest we can make the change of the training program and remove the undergraduate practicum.
2. NSC Students starting Fall of 2023 will know that the masters is their only path in Nevada.
3. **To help us complete the path for those starting prior to Fall of 2023 academic year, we ask to move the timeline one more year Summer/Fall of 2026 for masters as minimum.**

The undergrads still can obtain masters

- NSC is also committed to providing a unique part-time 3 year masters program for those students who are working in the schools with the undergraduate degrees. This provides them employment while gaining skills.
- We continue to work closely with CCSD to support their training.
- We are completing the first part-time cohort that started in 2019 this summer, with 25 graduates. Each are currently already working in the schools, and most plan to continue.
- We just accepted the 2nd part-time cohort with 21 students.
- An example student is one who completed the undergraduate training in 2010, and is now returning 12 years later. These are committed students.

In summary

As we looked more closely at the students, we believe that the proposed 2025 will lose many potential service providers to the schools, at a time when Nevada schools are in need.

Extending one more year, will help us to capture the career goals of many students, and give us a little more time to prepare for the transition.

We hope that you will consider our request to move the timeline to Summer/Fall of 2026 for masters license under NAC 391.370 Thank you!