**Instructions:** Respond to **ALL writing prompts and questions described on the following 2 pages**. Save your application as a PDF and upload to the [UNM graduate application site](https://grad.unm.edu/prospective-students/apply-now.html)

1. Describe (a) why you are interested in UNM’s program in speech and hearing sciences, and (b) how your strengths, goals, and prior experiences will help you succeed in graduate school or as a future SLP. You may also indicate how any special circumstances, challenges, or life experiences (including social, economic, cultural, familial, educational or other) have impacted you.

**3 paragraphs maximum**

1. Some traits that make a good clinician include: problem solving skills, emotional intelligence, and communication skills. Choose **two of these traits** and provide specific examples of how you have demonstrated these traits in a way that is not fully reflected elsewhere in your application materials. Examples of skills that might relate to each of these traits are provided below. **3 paragraphs maximum**

 

1. The mission of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at UNM is to serve the unique needs of the state of New Mexico by increasing the participation of culturally diverse populations in our disciplines, preparing our students to be leaders in a multicultural and multilingual society, and collaborating with other disciplines to ensure our graduates are prepared to provide comprehensive and effective services. Our department respects and values all individuals across race, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, and medical and cognitive or physical challenges.

Please explain (a) how you demonstrate cultural competence/humility (such as awareness of one's own cultural worldview, attitude towards cultural differences, knowledge of different cultural practices and worldviews, and cross-cultural skills and (b) how you would advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in the field of speech-language pathology **2 paragraphs maximum**

**For the following questions list any applicable experiences/skills. If not applicable list N/A**

1. If you are bilingual or multilingual; list any languages you speak in addition to English
2. List any work or volunteer experiences (minimum of 20 hours) that relate to field of speech and hearing sciences in some way (for example education, childcare, ABA, eldercare, medical fields etc.)
3. List any research experience (minimum of 15 hours)

**For the following questions, select one option**

1. Are you a first-generation college student, qualified for a Pell Grant as an undergraduate, or are from a historically underrepresented group in our field including Hispanic/Latinx, Black, Asian, Native American, LGBTQIA, or a person with a learning/communication difference?

YES [ ]  NO [ ]  I Prefer not to say [ ]

1. The answers I have provided to the questions above are truthful and accurate

YES [ ]  NO [ ]