

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

To Be Proposed:
May 13, 2026

Resolved, That the State Board of Education (SBE), pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period May 13, 2026, through May 31, 2031, to the University of New Haven for the purpose of recommending candidates for the Connecticut initial educator certificate in the following endorsement area and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Program	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Speech/Language Pathology	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate

Approved by a vote of _____ this thirteenth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

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To: State Board of Education

From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

Date: May 13, 2026

Subject: Continuing Approval of University of New Haven, Speech and Language Pathology Program

Executive Summary

Introduction

This report discusses the continuing approval review that was conducted in Spring 2026 for the University of New Haven Speech and Language Pathology program (UNH SLP). In addition, the Commissioner's recommendation for continuing approval of UNH SLP is included.

History/Background

Founded in 1920, the University of New Haven (UNH) is a private, coeducational university located in West Haven. The University is composed of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Pompea College of Business, the School of Health Sciences, the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, and the Tagliatela College of Engineering. The University awards bachelor's and associates degrees in 105 undergraduate majors; master's degrees in 92 areas of graduate study; and doctorate programs in criminal justice, applied engineering, health science, and occupational therapy.

The University of New Haven Speech and Language Pathology (UNH SLP) educator preparation program was granted approval by the State Board of Education (SBE) on June 5, 2024. The program is a graduate-level program leading to a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology, developed by the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and Wellness within the School of Health Sciences. Upon successful completion of the degree, graduates are eligible for the Connecticut Department of Public Health License as a Speech and Language Pathologist and may apply for the Connecticut #061 endorsement to serve as a speech pathologist in Connecticut public schools, which remains a designated shortage area for the State of Connecticut.

Persuant to Connecticut regulations, the maximum period of SBE approval for new programs at Institutions of Higher Education or other organizations that have no other board-approved programs is two years. The SBE granted the UNH SLP program approval for the period June 5, 2024, through June 4, 2026, and required an Institutional Report and site visit for continuing approval. The UNH submitted the Institutional report in October 2025, and a site visit was held in

March 2026. The institutional report and visit presented program information relative to four evaluation categories:

1. Program Curriculum and Clinical Experiences
2. Candidate Assessment and Performance Data
3. Program Faculty/Instructors
4. Program Resources

A review of the UNH Institutional Report, supporting documentation (including syllabi, key assessments, faculty qualifications, and clinical evaluation tools), and candidate performance data from the 2024-2025 academic year verified that the UNH is meeting all evaluation standards. Report data from key assessments indicate that program candidates are at or above target performance on program key assessments measuring content knowledge, clinical reasoning, and professional skills, aligned to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) standards and Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) requirements. Key assessments are reviewed annually with faculty and instructors to provide opportunities to address questions and to make any necessary updates. Instruction and assignments are aligned with Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) regulations as well as applicable national standards for speech-language pathology preparation. Interviews conducted with leadership, faculty, students, and clinical supervisors during the visit confirmed the information in the report.

The CSDE Review Committee has reviewed the evaluation report and recommended full continuing approval for the University of New Haven Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology program for five years.

Recommendation and Justification

I am recommending full continuing approval for the University of New Haven Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology, for the period May 13, 2026, through May 31, 2031, based on the findings of the site visit, review of candidate outcome data, and recommendation of the CSDE Review Committee.

Follow-up Activity

If the SBE grants full approval for the University of New Haven Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology, the CSDE Talent Office will immediately communicate UNH's approval status with the university leadership.

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