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Introduction

Manuscript submissions for the Special Issues from 2026 Motor Speech Conference.

Special Issues from the 2026 Conference on Motor Speech are planned for publication in the *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology* and the *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research* in July of 2027.

Papers are invited to be considered for publication in the special issues. The manuscript submission deadline is May 15, 2026 and Rene Utianski will serve as the special issue editor for *AJSLP*, and Ayoub Daliri will serve as the special issue editor for *JSLHR*. Submit your letter of intent to Dr. Utianski (Utianski.Rene@mayo.edu) or Dr. Daliri (ayoub.daliri@asu.edu) by April 15, 2026.

This guidelines document will take you step by step through the manuscript requirements and submission instructions, pointing you to more detailed information on the [ASHA Journals Academy website](#) when needed.

We look forward to working with you on the development of this important special issue.



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AJSLP Overview

Mission

AJSLP publishes peer-reviewed research and other scholarly articles on all aspects of clinical practice in speech-language pathology. The journal is an international outlet for clinical research pertaining to screening, detection, diagnosis, management, and outcomes of communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan as well as the etiologies and characteristics of these disorders. Because of its clinical orientation, the journal disseminates research findings applicable to diverse aspects of clinical practice in speech-language pathology. *AJSLP* seeks to advance evidence-based practice by disseminating the results of new studies as well as providing a forum for critical reviews and meta-analyses of previously published work.

Scope

The broad field of speech-language pathology, including aphasia; apraxia of speech and childhood apraxia of speech; aural rehabilitation; augmentative and alternative communication; cognitive impairment; craniofacial disorders; dysarthria; fluency disorders; language disorders in children; speech sound disorders; swallowing, dysphagia, and feeding disorders; and voice disorders.

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Mission

JSLHR publishes peer-reviewed research and other scholarly articles on the normal and disordered processes in speech, language, hearing, and related areas such as cognition, oral-motor function, and swallowing. The journal is an international outlet for both basic research on communication processes and clinical research pertaining to screening, diagnosis, and management of communication disorders as well as the etiologies and characteristics of these disorders. *JSLHR* seeks to advance evidence-based practice by disseminating the results of new studies as well as providing a forum for critical reviews and meta-analyses of previously published work.

Scope

The broad field of communication sciences and disorders, including speech production and perception; anatomy and physiology of speech and voice; genetics, biomechanics, and other basic sciences pertaining to human communication; mastication and swallowing; speech disorders; voice disorders; development of speech, language, or hearing in children; normal language processes; language disorders; disorders of hearing and balance; psychoacoustics; and anatomy and physiology of hearing.

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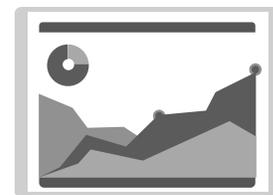
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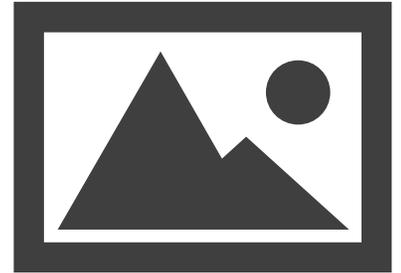
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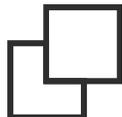
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