



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION  
SCIENCES & DISORDERS  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY &  
AUDIOLOGY PROGRAMS

## BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

As a student pursuing the Doctorate of Audiology or the Masters of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology at Montclair State University you will be prepared to be eligible to obtain professional licensure and certification. It is very important that you be aware that a history of conviction, indictment, pre-trial intervention, violation of a law, ordinance, felony, misdemeanor, or disorderly persons offense may jeopardize your ability to obtain licensure by the State of New Jersey licensing body (<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/aud/>), and certification by the Council for Clinical Certification of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. You should consult the certification body corresponding to your intended area of occupation for more details (<https://www.asha.org/certification/aboutcertificationgeninfo/>).

In preparation for clinical observations, placements, internships, externships, and practica, you are required to obtain a criminal background check. You are responsible for obtaining and paying for the background check and for delivering the required documentation to Robbie Lazarus (SLP students) or Faith Mogila (AuD students) prior to beginning any participation in the Montclair Center for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (e.g., Observation, Clinical Internships, Clinical Practica). **Please have the background check before you start classes in the Fall.** We have included information on CastleBranch, a company we use which can do the background check for you for a fee of \$61.

After obtaining the background check and delivering the contents of the background check to Ms. Lazarus or Dr. Mogila, you will be required to verify your status **yearly** via a confirmation in CALIPSO.

**NOTE:** Successful completion of the graduate programs in Audiology or Speech Language Pathology does not guarantee licensure, certification, or employment in your desired occupation.