



2026 Convention

October 8-9, 2026

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time	Presentation	Speaker	Meeting Location
6:30-9:00 PM	Student Share Fair		
6:30 PM	NSLHA Board Meeting		

AUDIOLOGY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time	Presentation	Speaker	Meeting Location
7:00-8:00 AM	Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)		NIC Main Entrance
8:00-9:00 AM	General Session – From Clinician to Champion: Leadership and Advocacy in Communication Disorders	Derek Stiles, PhD	Auditorium
9:00-10:00 AM	NSLHA Member Meeting		Auditorium
10:00-10:30 AM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
10:30-11:30 AM	Audiology 2050: The need for state scope of practice modernization	Nikki Kopetzky, AuD	A-1, 2, 3
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch Provided for Attendees and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
11:30-1:00 PM	Poster Sessions		Banquet Hall
1:00-2:00 PM	Code Changes: Today and Tomorrow	Leisha Eiten, AuD, CCC-A, CH-TM	A-1, 2, 3
2:00-3:00 PM	How Children Perceive Space: Establishing Norms and Advancing Vestibular Testing in Children	Melissa Hazen, PhD, MSc, CCC-A	A-1, 2, 3
3:00-3:30 PM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
3:30-4:30 PM	Navigating Hearing Loss and Multilingualism: Emotional and Lived Experiences of Spanish-Speaking Mothers (CLD =.1 CE)	Samantha Steier, MS, CCC-SLP Natalie Mason, MS, CCC-SLP Candice Mullendore, MS, OTRL/L	A-1, 2, 3
4:30-5:00 PM	The new SLP CPT Codes. What you need to know before January 1, 2027	Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT Jessica Thoene, MS Ed, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time	Presentation	Speaker	Meeting Location
7:00-8:00 AM	Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)		NIC Main Entrance
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10:00-10:30 AM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
10:30-11:30 AM	We've Been Doing it Backwards - It Starts With Us -- Why the Most Powerful Tool in any Therapy Room is a Confident, Regulated Adult	Treva Graves, MA, CCC-SLP	Auditorium
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch Provided for Attendees and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
11:30-1:00 PM	Poster Sessions		Banquet Hall
1:00-2:00 PM	It's Not Just Apples to Apples: Understanding the Job Hunt	Daniel Bombeck, MS, CCC-SLP Joe Haney, MS, CCC-SLP	Auditorium
2:00-3:00 PM	Verb learning in developmental language disorder	Justin Kueser, PhD, CCC-SLP	Auditorium
3:00-3:30 PM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
3:30-5:00 PM	Panel Session: Building AAC Systems of Support: Implementation Models Across Different Educational Settings	A Aksamit, MS, CCC-SLP/ P Daberkow, MS, CCC-SLP/AAC / M Green, MS, CCC-SLP / H Hamze, MA, CCC-SLP / R Topp, MA, ATP / Brian Wojcik, EdD, ATP	Auditorium

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MEDICAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Thursday, October 8, 2026

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7:00-8:00 AM	Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)		NIC Main Entrance
8:00-9:00 AM	General Session – From Clinician to Champion: Leadership and Advocacy in Communication Disorders	Derek Stiles, PhD	Auditorium
9:00-10:00 AM	NSLHA Member Meeting		Auditorium
10:00-10:30 AM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
10:30-11:30 AM	Compliance or Choice? Rethinking Diet Modification and Informed Consent (Ethics =.1 CE)	Kellie Brink, MS, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch Provided for Attendees and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
11:30-1:00 PM	Poster Sessions		Banquet Hall
1:00-2:00 PM	Reclaiming Identity and Intimacy: The Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) in Sexual Health After Neurologic Injury (CLD =.1 CE)	Zoey Bertsch, MA, CCC-SLP Kelsey Wagner, MS, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3
2:00-3:00 PM	Cognitive Therapy for Aging Adults	Kayla Korth, MA, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3
3:00-3:30 PM	Break and Visit Exhibits		Banquet Hall
3:30-4:30 PM	Beyond Picky Eating: Identifying and Treating Pediatric Feeding Disorders in Everyday Practice	Riley Love, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3
4:30-5:00 PM	The new SLP CPT Codes. What you need to know before January 1, 2027	Candice Mullendore, MS, OTRL/L Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT Jessica Thoene, MS Ed, CCC-SLP	B-1, 2, 3

Joint Sessions in Light Gray

AUDIOLOGY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Friday, October 9, 2026

Time	Presentation	Speaker	Meeting Location
7:00-8:00 AM	Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)		NIC Main Entrance
8:00-9:30 AM	General Session – Licensure, Certification, and Professional Identity: Understanding the Systems That Shape SLP Practice (Ethics =.15 CE)	Megan Berg, SLP	Auditorium
9:30-9:45 AM	Break		Banquet Hall
9:45-11:45	General Session – Clinical Supervision in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	Lisa Lenz, MA, CCC-SLP Laura Moody, MS, CCC-SLP	Auditorium
11:45-12:00 PM	Break		Banquet Hall
12:00-1:00 PM	Reducing Barriers to Hearing Healthcare: The Role of Hearing Aid Banks and the Nebraska Model	Stacie Ray, AuD Mariela Grijalva, MS	A-1, 2, 3
1:00 PM	Adjourn		

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11:45-12:00 PM	Break		Banquet Hall
12:00-1:00 PM	From Appointment to Everyday: Closing the Loop Between Clinical Care and Daily Life for Neurodivergent Children	Jenilee Woltman, MS Ed, CCC-SLP	Auditorium
1:00 PM	Adjourn		

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12:00-1:00 PM	Pitch Perfect: The SLP's Guide to Getting Corporate Greenlights for Clinical Programming	Lindsay Larkin, MS, CCC-SLP Natalie Douglas, PhD	B-1, 2, 3
1:00 PM	Adjourn		

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NETWORKING @ THE BARRED OWL, SCARLET HOTEL, THURSDAY, 5 PM



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