Communication Disorders

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Communication disorders is a nationally accredited program whose graduates are highly sought after by employers throughout the nation. Each year, more than 100 applications are received for 15 graduate spots.

Graduates find immediate employment, pass the national Praxis exam on the first attempt, and qualify for state and national certification. Scholarships and graduate assistantships are available for both first- and second-year graduate students.

Communication disorders students will...
- Complete a minimum of 51 graduate hours.
- Conduct research and present findings at national or state conferences.
- Obtain a minimum of 375 clinical therapy hours.

Career Planning
Employment rates are typically 100 percent, with graduates accepting positions in Missouri and several states around the nation.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates
- Local hospitals
- Public schools
- Nursing homes
- Rehab centers
- Internships range from 8-16 weeks and may be assigned locally, in the state, or out of state

Admission Requirements
1. An undergraduate degree in communication disorders (or equivalent area) from a regionally accredited college or university
2. A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study
3. GRE scores (no minimum required)
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. An application with cover letter
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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

**Required Courses – 51 hours**

**Fall-Year 1**
- CD603 Clinical Practicum (3)
- CD612 Instrumental Analysis of Speech (3)
- CD620 Developmental Artic & Phonological Disorders (3)
- CD635 Language, Cognitive & Social Communication Disorders in School-Aged Children (3)

**Spring-Year 1**
- CD603 Clinical Practicum (3)
- CD625 Research Methodology in Communication Disorders (3)
- CD630 Language & Cognitive Disorders in Adults (3)
- CD641 Voice Disorders (3)

**Summer-Year 1**
- CD603 Clinical Practicum (3)
- CD634 Language & Cognitive Disorders in Infants & Preschool Children (2)
- CD643 Augmentative/Alternative Communication Systems (2)
- CD651 Neurogenic Speech Disorders (2)

**Fall-Year 2**
- CD510 Multicultural Issues in Communication Dis. (if needed) (3)
- CD642 Fluency Disorder (3)
- CD652 Swallowing Disorders (2)
- CD656 Craniofacial Anomalies and Resonance Disorders (2)
- CD669 Externship (3)

**Spring-Year 2**
- CD525 Aural Rehabilitation (if needed) (3)
- CD683 Research (3)

OR
- CD 695 Thesis (3)
- CD669 Externship (3)

**Degree Requirements**

The degree requirements in communication disorders are designed to meet the academic and clinical standards established by the Council for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Completion of the degree requirements constitutes one component toward the establishment of the student’s eligibility for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP).

It is the student’s responsibility to confer with their academic advisor regarding recent changes (if any) in academic or clinical standards. Also, it is the student’s responsibility to complete any additional requirements for the CCC-SLP beyond completion of the degree and to submit proper documentation of all required components.