

# Communicative Disorders Degree Program (M.S.)

The Department of Communicative Disorders offers a graduate program that provides academic and clinical training for professional practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist. The curriculum provides educational opportunities to work with communicatively impaired individuals across the lifespan and in various environments.

The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (CAA) and meets all requirements for obtaining Wisconsin licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist and as a Public School Practitioner.

An undergraduate degree in Communicative Disorders is NOT a prerequisite for admission. However, a minimum of one year of academic course work from the undergraduate Communicative Disorders curriculum is required prior to beginning the graduate program sequence. An individualized pre-graduate program curriculum will be devised by the Graduate Program Coordinator or by a faculty adviser.

The graduate program is designed for completion in two years including two summers. Full-time enrollment is 12 credits during the academic year and 9 credits during the summer. Comprehensive examinations and portfolio presentations are an integral aspect of determining academic and clinical competence and must be successfully completed for the degree.

The curriculum prepares students for the PRAXIS Examination in Speech-Language Pathology - leading to a Certificate of Clinical Competence. In preparing to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist, students will learn such skills as: conducting formal and informal measures to diagnose and implement goals for the treatment of individuals of all ages with disorders of articulation, language, voice and fluency; theorizing about disorders of articulation, language, voice and fluency; engaging in self and client evaluations utilizing objective behavioral measurements; and presenting client-related information in both written and oral communication.

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## Additional Admission Requirements:

Students must obtain and complete two separate applications for admission. The program application is completed and mailed directly to the Department of Communicative Disorders (program application form, letter of intent and recommendations); and the Graduate School application is returned directly to the Graduate Studies Office (Graduate Studies application form, fees, transcripts). Both applications must be obtained from the Graduate Studies Office or downloaded from <http://www.uww.edu/coeps/departments/comdis/grad>. To be considered for admission, both applications must be completed and returned to the Department of Communicative Disorders by the deadline of February 1.

All applicants are encouraged to apply for graduate assistantships administered through the Graduate Studies Office. Many graduate students have received financial support as a result of this funding.

## Degree Requirements:

A minimum of 33 academic credits which does not include practica, enrollment in practicum every semester and successful completion of a comprehensive examination is required.

## COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS (M.S.)

REQUIRED IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

1. SELECT 0-21 CREDITS IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

COMDIS-580 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

COMDIS-624 ORGANIC SPEECH DISORDERS

COMDIS-626 NEUROGENIC COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

COMDIS-672 ASSESSMENT IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

COMDIS-681 LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN CHILDREN

COMDIS-682 AUDIOMETRY

COMDIS-683 AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

REQUIRED COURSES-33 CREDITS

1. COMDIS-709 SEMINAR COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

2. COMDIS-710 PROFESSIONAL ISSUES & ENVIRON SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

3. COMDIS-711 THE DYSARTHRIAS

4. COMDIS-712 RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

5. COMDIS-713 LANGUAGE LEARNING DISORDERS

6. COMDIS-714 SUPERVISION IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

7. COMDIS-720 VOICE DISORDERS

8. COMDIS-722 NEUROGENIC LANGUAGE & IMPAIRMENTS IN ADULTS

9. COMDIS-724 AURAL REHABILITATION

10. COMDIS-730 SWALLOWING AND DYSPHAGIA

11. COMDIS-764 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN YOUNG CHILDREN

## PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

### 1. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS-660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

### 2. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS-660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

COMDIS-793 PRACTICUM: FIELD EXTERNSHIP SECTION 2

## DPI LICENSURE - CHECKLIST ONLY

1. COMDIS-798 INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (POST STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR)

2. COMDIS-450 METHODS: COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

3. COMDIS-793 PRACTICUM: FIELD EXTERNSHIP SECTION 2

4. THE FOLLOWING COURSES OR EQUIVALENTS (UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE):

-AN APPROVED COURSE IN LEARNING

-AN APPROVED COURSE IN READING

-THE WISCONSIN HUMAN RELATIONS REQUIREMENT

SPECED-205 PSYCHOLOGY OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

EDFOUND-222 CHILD DEVELOPMENT or EDFOUND-678 ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

SPECED-466/666 WORKING W/PARENTS OF EXCEP. CHILD & COMMUNITY AGENCIES

NOTE: CONTACT PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING LICENSURE AND CAA ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS. LICENSURE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY. LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND ACCREDITATION ARE NOT CHECKED BY THE GRADUATE AUDIT SYSTEM.