

# Communication Sciences and Disorders Degree Program (Master of Science)

The Department of Communication Sciences and 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 Communication Sciences and Disorders is NOT a prerequisite for admission. However, Students without an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders must take requisite pre-graduate course work as a Candidate for Non-Degree and then apply for the graduate program. Normally, the pre-graduate course work may be completed in one year. An individualized pre-graduate program curriculum will be devised by the Graduate Program Coordinator or a faculty adviser.

The graduate program is designed for completion in two years including two summers for students with an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. UW-Whitewater undergraduates who are accepted for early admission may finish the graduate program in one year including two summers. Full-time enrollment is 12 credits during the academic year and 9 credits during the summer. Only students admitted to the graduate program may enroll in 700 level courses. Exception may be granted by the Graduate Program Coordinator. Clinical performance reviews, 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, fluency, and hearing; theorizing about disorders of articulation, language, voice, fluency, and hearing; 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:

### APPLICATION DEADLINE / FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Individuals who have a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) or have completed leveling coursework, are welcome to apply. Students without a CSD major and have not taken leveling courses, should contact Roxanne DePaul at [depaulr@uww.edu](mailto:depaulr@uww.edu) for further instructions.

Applications are only accepted electronically through the **Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS)** beginning September 18, 2013. When submitting materials applicants will be expected to include the following:

1. Official academic transcripts that include fall grades. Transcripts should be sent to this address: CSDCAS Verification Department P.O. Box 9113 Watertown, MA 02471.
2. Submit Graduate Record Examination scores to CSDCAS using the designated institution (DI) code 0060.
3. A minimum of three letters of recommendation attesting to your ability to perform at a graduate level.
4. A letter of intent. This letter should explain why you would be a successful graduate student and speech-language pathologist.
5. A listing of relevant coursework (including spring, 2014 courses).
6. In the CSDCAS Application Activities section include information on relevant professional and volunteer activities, experience with foreign languages, and undergraduate research.

Questions concerning the electronic application process, including receipt of materials, should be directed to CSDCAS.

CSDCAS, P.O. Box 9113, Watertown, MA 02471

Voice: 617-612-2030

Fax: 617-612-2051

Email: [csdcasinfor@csdcas.org](mailto:csdcasinfor@csdcas.org)

For questions relating to the UW-Whitewater Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders please contact Roxanne DePaul, Ph.D., CCC-SLP at 262-472-1301 or [depaulr@uww.edu](mailto:depaulr@uww.edu).

Applicants will be notified in mid-March concerning their status. Those **accepted** into the program will need to submit materials to the **UW-Whitewater School of Graduate Studies** including a **Graduate School**

Application, a fee of \$56, and official transcripts showing fall grades. Applications for graduate assistantships may be submitted at that time.

## **Degree Requirements:**

A minimum of 27 academic units, excluding practica, and enrollment in practicum every semester, and successful completion of *periodic clinical performance reviews and a student portfolio* are required.

## **COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (M.S.)**

### **REQUIRED IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE**

#### **SELECT 0-27 UNITS IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE**

- COMDIS 580 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN
- COMDIS 585 FLUENCY DISORDERS
- COMDIS 626 NEURAL BASES OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE
- COMDIS 672 ASSESSMENT IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
- COMDIS 677 DISORDERS OF SPEECH PRODUCTION
- COMDIS 681 LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN CHILDREN
- COMDIS 682 AUDIOMETRY
- COMDIS 683 AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION
- COMDIS 684 AURAL REHABILITATION

### **REQUIRED COURSES-27 UNITS**

1. COMDIS 710 PROFESSIONAL ISSUES & ENVIRONMENTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
2. COMDIS 711 MOTOR SPEECH DISORDERS
3. COMDIS 712 RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
4. COMDIS 713 LANGUAGE LEARNING DISORDERS IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
5. COMDIS 714 SUPERVISION IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
6. COMDIS 720 VOICE DISORDERS
7. COMDIS 722 LANGUAGE AND COGNITIVE DISORDERS IN ADULTS
8. COMDIS 730 SWALLOWING AND DYSPHAGIA
9. COMDIS 764 SPEECH AND 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 660 INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (POST STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR)
2. COMDIS 793 PRACTICUM: FIELD EXTERNSHIP SECTION 2

3. THE FOLLOWING COURSES OR EQUIVALENTS UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE):
- - AN APPROVED COURSE IN READING OR LITERACY
  - - THE WISCONSIN HUMAN RELATIONS REQUIREMENT
  - SPECED 205 INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EDUCATION
  - EDFOUND 230 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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.