Duluth Campus

Communication Sciences and Disorders M.A.

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College of Education and Human Service Professions

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2015
- Length of program in credits: 47
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The graduate program in communication sciences and disorders (CSD) effectively combines academic and clinical endeavors to prepare students to become speech-language pathologists. The program places a major emphasis on the development of clinical skills, although students have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of academic and research activities as well. The curriculum, which is based on five semesters of study, is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation (CAA) in speech-language pathology and also by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA).

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Applicants must have the equivalent of a four-year American university baccalaureate degree in communication disorders with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Special Application Requirements:
Applicants must provide at least three letters of recommendation, two of which should be from academic staff familiar with the applicant and a personal statement is also required.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

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For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 47 major credits and up to null credits outside the major.The final exam is oral.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The M.A. is offered only under Plan B. At least 47 credits are required. All Plan B projects must be pre-approved by the student's examining committee, which also must give final approval.

Students should be aware that an additional minimum of 15 credits of clinical internship, externship, practicum must be taken to meet the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) accreditation standards and to ensure students to qualify for ASHA certification. The department offers internship courses in addition to CSD 8397 to fulfill the CAA requirements. All courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and the clinical director; subject to approval by the director of graduate studies.

Required Courses (47 cr)

Students must complete CSD 5100 for a total of 3 credits, CSD 8099 for a total of 3 credits and CSD 8397 for a total of 4 credits.

CSD 5100 - Research Methods in Communication Disorders (3.0 cr)
CSD 5142 - Introduction to Diagnosis of Communication Disorders (3.0 cr)
CSD 5200 - Dysphagia (3.0 cr)
CSD 5205 - Pediatric Dysphagia (1.0 cr)
CSD 5230 - Advanced Applications in Communication Modalities (4.0 cr)
CSD 5250 - Seminar in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (1.0 cr)
CSD 5260 - Fluency Disorders (3.0 cr)
CSD 5301 - Language Disorders in Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers (3.0 cr)
CSD 5302 - Language Disorders in School-Age Children (3.0 cr)
CSD 5500 - Voice Disorders (3.0 cr)
CSD 8099 - Projects in Communication Disorders (1.0 cr)
CSD 8205 - Advanced Fluency Disorders (2.0 cr)
CSD 8211 - Professional Issues in Communication Disorders I (1.0 cr)
CSD 8212 - Professional Issues in Communication Disorders II (1.0 cr)
CSD 8230 - Neurogenic Language Disorders (4.0 cr)
CSD 8231 - Neurogenic Speech Disorders (3.0 cr)
CSD 8232 - Mgmt of Communication Disorders in Persons with Tracheostomy, Ventilator Dependency, & Laryngectomy (1.0 cr)
CSD 8235 - Counseling Applications in Communication Disorders (2.0 cr)
CSD 8350 - Applied Clinical Methods in CSD (1.0 cr)
CSD 8397 - On-Campus Graduate Internship in Communication Disorders I (1.0 - 9.0 cr)

Additional CSD Internship/Externship (15 - 17 cr)

All courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and the clinical director; subject to approval by the director of graduate studies.

Take 15 - 17 credit(s) from the following:

- CSD 8497 - On-Campus Graduate Internship in CSD II (1.0 - 10.0 cr)
- CSD 8597 - Part-Time CSD Graduate Internship in Education Settings (5.0 cr)
- CSD 8697 - Part-Time CSD Graduate Internship in Medical Setting (5.0 cr)
- CSD 8797 - Full-Time CSD Graduate Externship in Education Settings (6.0 cr)
- CSD 8897 - Full-Time CSD Graduate Externship in Medical Settings (6.0 cr)
- CSD 8997 - Graduate Practicum in Communication Disorders (1.0 cr)

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