

Communication Sciences & Disorders

College of Health Sciences

The Division of Communication Sciences & Disorders at the University of Kentucky offers a two-year master's degree program in speech-language pathology. The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Students who complete the program will typically meet the academic and clinical training requirements for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology and for licensure in Kentucky and in most states with licensure requirements.

The length of a student's program depends upon the certification options selected, the student's educational background, and the number of credits completed each semester. Students with an undergraduate major in communication sciences & disorders will typically complete the program in six semesters of full-time study. Students entering without an undergraduate major in communication sciences & disorders will need eight semesters of course work including prerequisite courses to complete the program. Additional information regarding prerequisite coursework is available from the Director of Graduate Studies.

During the first full year of the graduate program, students typically complete course work and clinical practicum at the UK Communications Disorders Clinic. During the second year, students are assigned to clinical rotations in a variety of settings, including medical or rehab facilities, agencies providing services to children (e.g., public schools, preschools, clinics), and agencies in one of Kentucky's Area Health Education Center (AHECs) regions. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination or thesis is required for all degree candidates.

Admission Requirements

Students who are admitted to the program typically have at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA. To be considered for admission, students must also submit Graduate Record Examination scores (verbal, quantitative, and writing). Students with a bachelor's degree in communication disorders begin the program in the second summer semester. Students with bachelor's degree in another field of study begin the program in the fall semester. Admission deadline is January 15 for domestic applicants for concurrent summer or fall start. Deadline for international applicants is March 15 for following year start.

CSD 621	Alternative & Augmentative Communication	(3)
CSD 647	Lang. Disorders in Dev. Young Individuals	(3)
CSD 648	Lang. Disorders in School-Age Populations	(3)
CSD 661	Phonological Development & Disorders	(3)
CSD 670	Voice Disorders	(3)
CSD 674	Disorders of Fluency	(3)
CSD 675	Low Incidence Disorders	(1-3)
CSD 677	Aphasia & Related Disorders	(3)
CSD 701	Research Methods in Communication Sciences & Disorders	(3)
CSD 710	Cognitive Communication Disorders	(3)
CSD 744	Adult Swallowing and Motor Speech Disorders	(3)
CSD 745	Pediatric Swallowing and Motor Speech Disorders	(3)
CSD 748	Master's Thesis Research (Optional)	(0)
CSD 768	Residence Credit for the Master's Degree (Optional)	(6)

To receive the M.S. degree and also fulfill the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association certification requirements, the student will be required to successfully complete:

- 33 semester hours of didactic coursework in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- 3 semester hours of clinical orientation (CSD 654)
- 2 semester hours of clinical practicum supervised by UK CSD Faculty (CSD 657)
- 1 semester hour of a graduate level elective
- 21-30 semester hours of clinical rotations (CSD 659)
- A thesis option or pass comprehensive examinations

Graduate Courses

CSD 520	Introduction To Manual Communication	(2)
CSD 521	Non-Speech Communication	(3)
CSD 571	Neural Bases Of Speech, Language, And Hearing	(3)
CSD 591	Aural Rehabilitation	(3)
CSD 610	Ethics In Clinical Sciences Research (Same As Cls/Pt/Ras 610)	(1)
CSD 621	Alternative And Augmentative Communication	(3)
CSD 647	Language Disorders In Developmentally Young Individuals	(3)
CSD 648	Language Disorders In School-Age Populations	(3)
CSD 654	Clinical Orientation In Communication Sciences & Disorders	(3)
CSD 655	Advanced Diagnostic Procedures In Speech-Language Pathology	(3)
CSD 657	Clinical Practicum In Speech-Language Pathology	(1-3)
CSD 659	Clinical Rotation In Speech-Language Pathology	(3-6)
CSD 670	Voice Disorders	(3)
CSD 671	Applied Phonology: Development And Disorders	(3)
CSD 674	Disorders Of Fluency	(3)
CSD 675	Low Incidence Disorders	(1-3)
CSD 701	Research Methodology In Communication Sciences & Disorders	(3)
CSD 706	Advanced Audiological Issues In Pediatrics	(3)
CSD 708	Advanced Audiological Issues In Geriatrics	(3)
CSD 744	Adult Swallowing And Motor Speech Disorders	(3)
CSD 745	Pediatric Swallowing And Motor Speech Disorders	(3)
CSD 747	Seminar In Language Development In Children	(3)
CSD748	Master's Thesis Research	(0)
CSC 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
CSD 772	Advanced Seminar In Aphasia	(3)
CSD 773	Seminar In Motor Speech Disorders	(3)
CSD 774	Seminar In Adult Speech And Language	(3)
CSD 775	Seminar In Literate Language	(3)
CSD 789	Independent Study In Communication Sciences & Disorders	(1-6)