



COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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Program Accreditation: Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology & Speech Language Pathology – Master of Science

Degree Offering: Bachelor of Science and Master of Science.

Program Description:

The major for clinicians of communication disorders (reference number 595) requires 120 hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The program includes 44 hours of general education courses, 49 hours in the specialization areas-speech pathology and audiology, 9 hours of professional preparation for teacher certification, and 3 hours of related studies. No minor or second major is necessary. All courses follow guidelines recommended by the American Speech Language and Hearing Association.

All undergraduate students are also required to complete up to 50 supervised clinical clock hours maximum, working with people having communication disorders. The undergraduate program prepares students academically for graduate study in Communication Disorders and Audio logy. A master's degree is needed for certification in communication disorders. Licensure is also necessary in Kentucky but various states have other mandates for practicing professionals.

Career Opportunities in Communication Disorders:

Speech-Language Pathology career opportunities for persons with the Master's Degree and the certificate of clinical competence are expected to grow faster than average through the end of calendar year, 2012. This is due to several factors including an aging baby boomer population with increased possibilities of oncoming neurological disorders with accompanying speech, language, swallowing, and hearing impairments. Employment opportunities are also increasing due to improving survival rates of premature infants and trauma and stroke patients in need of assessment and intervention. Additionally, federal legislation guarantees services to all children with disabilities. Private practice opportunities will also increase due to the increase in contracted services with schools, nursing care/rehabilitation facilities and hospitals.

Communication Disorders Major Student Organizations

The National Speech-Language-Hearing Association was founded in 1972. NSSLHA is the national organization for both graduate and undergraduate students in the Communication Disorders major. This organization is the only official student organization on the national level which is recognized by the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association. NSSLHA has approximately 11,000 student members with student chapters found in 294 colleges and universities. For more information about this student organization, call the department at 745-4541 or email mary.lloyd.moore@wku.edu.

Admission Requirements: Applications for undergraduate admission are accepted until February 15. Students admitted on March 1 may begin major coursework during the Fall Semester following admission. Due to the clinical practicum component of this major, enrollment to the undergraduate program is limited. Students may obtain an application for admission from the department. At the time of application, students will also complete a one page application form and submit a transcript verifying a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20.

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2009-2010

Fall			First Year			Spring		
ENG	100	3	Intro to College Writing	COMM	3	145 OR 161		
MATH		3	109 OR 116		102	3	Foreign Language	
PSY	100	3	Intro to Psychology	HIST		3	119 OR 120 Western Civilization	
		3	General Education Course	ENG	200	3	Intro to Literature	
		3	General Education Course			3	General Education Course	
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	15		

Fall			Second Year			Spring		
ENG	300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	EDU	250	3	Intro to Teacher Education	
CD	280	3	Survey of Speech Pathology & Audiology	CD	347	3	Bases of Speech	
CD	290	1	Intro to Clinical Experience	PSY	310	3	Educational Psychology	
		3	General Education Course			3	General Education Course	
		3	General Education Course (Biology)			3	General Education Course (Chem or Phys)	
		3	General Education Course			1	General Education Course (Cat. F)	
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	16		

Fall			Third Year			Spring		
CD	405	3	Applied Phonetics	CD	483	3	Articulation Disorders	
CD	481	3	Speech & Language Development	CD	485	3	Diag. Procedures for Disorders Comm.	
CD	482	3	Audiology	CD	486	3	Language Disorders	
CD	484	3	Speech Anatomy & Physiology	CD	487	3	Aural Rehabilitation	
		3	General Education Course	EXED	330	3	Intro to Exceptional Education: Div. in Lrn	
		1	General Education Course (Cat. F)	Credit	Hours	15		
Credit	Hours	16						

			Summer					
			CD	478	3	Clin. Issues & Treat. in Speech Lang Dev		
			CD	495	3	Clinical Internship		

Fall			Fourth Year			Spring		
CD	491	3	Mgmt of Comm. Disorders in the School	CD	488	3	Augmentative Comm. Systems	
CD	490	3	Non-Symbolic Comm. Service Delivery	CD	489	3	Geriatric Comm. Disorders	
CD	495	3	Clinical Internship	CD	495	3	Clinical Internship	
PSY	423	3	Psychology of Adult Life & Aging					
Credit	Hours	12		Credit	Hours	9		

Total Credit Hours = 120

A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better must be maintained throughout matriculation.