Master of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders offers courses of study leading to the Master of Arts (MA) in communication sciences and disorders. Academic and clinical education is provided for students who wish to become professionally qualified to work with children and adults. Instructional areas include communication sciences, speech-language pathology, and clinical and rehabilitative audiology. A graduate program culminating in a master’s degree is required for professional certification as a speech-language pathologist in the public schools and for work in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, or private practice.

With an undergraduate preprofessional major, students typically can complete the master’s program in two years.

**Admission Requirements**

1. Admission to the Graduate School at Wichita State University;
2. Minimum grade requirements – 2.75 overall GPA and 3.00 GPA in last 60 semester credit hours;
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. One page personal essay in which the applicant describes their reasons for pursuing graduate studies in communication sciences and disorders, and for choosing WSU. A professional resume may also be submitted;
5. Official scores for the general test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) taken within the last five years; and
6. Non-native English speaking students, international and domestic, must submit a TOEFL score of 550 (PBT) or 79 (iBT) or 6.5 overall band score on the IELTS and a score of 23 or higher on the speaking portion of the iBT or a score of 50 or higher on the SPEAK test. No waivers allowed;

**To be reviewed for admission, applicants should do the following:**

1. Submit an application and supporting documents (including transcripts) to the communication sciences and disorders centralized application service (CSDCAS) by the published deadline.

Admission to the MA-CSD program is considered for students who have completed an undergraduate major in the area of speech, language, and hearing disorders. Select undergraduate or closely allied courses of study will be considered. Students with a degree in another field will be considered for admission after completion of prerequisite courses. Please see the department website for details and consult a CSD adviser.

Admission is for the fall semester only. The deadline to submit CSDCAS applications is February 1 (11:59 pm EST). Graduate School application, fee, transcripts, recommendations and other supporting documents are also due by February 1.

**Degree Requirements:**

The MA in communication sciences and disorders may be earned with an emphasis in speech-language pathology. The program requires students to complete 44 hours of didactic coursework, 14 clinical practicum hours, and 3 (nonthesis) or 4 (thesis) research hours, totaling 61 or 62 credit hours. In addition, 6 hours of tool subjects in research methods and statistics are required. A Plan of Study must be filed within the first year of the program and students must complete 60 percent of total hours at the 700 level or above. Transfer hours cannot be used to satisfy the course level requirements stated above unless the transfer hours are of appropriate level from Kansas Board of Regents institutions. Workshop hours may not be used to satisfy the course level requirements.

Please consult the Graduate Catalog or department website for more specific information about the requirements for degree completion.
**Faculty**

**Kathy L. Coufal**, PhD, University of Lincoln-Nebraska, CCC-SLP, Chairperson. Typical and atypical development in young children, Service delivery to families. Fellow of ASHA; ASHA Board Recognized Specialist

**Anthony DiLollo**, PhD, University of Memphis, CCC-SLP. Fluency, voice, counseling, qualitative research.

**Barbara Hodson**, PhD, University of Illinois, CCC-SLP. Applied phonology, phonological awareness, emergent literacy. Fellow of ASHA; ASHA Board Recognized Specialist

**Raymond Hull**, PhD, University of Denver, CCC-A. Aural rehabilitation, clinical audiology, human neurophysiology. Fellow of ASHA and AAA.

**Antje S. Mefferd**, PhD, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CCC-SLP. Speech physiology and motor control, motor speech disorders, quantification of speech performance.

**Douglas F. Parham**, PhD, University of Memphis, CCC-SLP. Speech science, typical and atypical speech-language development, speech breathing, conversational interaction.

**Julie Scherz**, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Neuropathologies, computer applications, augmentative and alternative communication. Fellow of ASHA

**Trisha Self**, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). ASHA Board Recognized Specialist

**Kathy Strattman**, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Language acquisition and disorders with emphasis in phonology, literacy phonological awareness. ASHA Board Recognized Specialist

**Xiao-Ming Sun**, PhD, University of Connecticut. Otoacoustic emissions, sensory hearing loss.

**Clinical Educators**

**Terese Conrad**, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**David Downs**, PhD, University of Arizona, CCC-A. Diagnostic audiology, pediatric hearing rehabilitation

**Sara Goodall**, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP, Early childhood speech, language and literacy disorders

**Stacey Kampe**, AuD, A.T. Still University, CCC-A. Hearing aids, aural rehabilitation

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