

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 (Department form required for application option #3 in next column)
4. One page personal essay in which applicants describe the contributions they would make to the field;
5. Official scores for the general test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within the last five years.
6. Non-native English speaking students, international and domestic, must submit a TOEFL score of 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT), or 79 (iBT) and a test of spoken English (TSE) score of 50. No waivers allowed;

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

1. Submit a application for admission and supporting official transcripts to the WSU Graduate School, and either

2. Submit an application and supporting documents to the communication sciences and disorders centralized application service (CSDCAS) by the published deadline, OR
3. Submit supporting documents directly to the WSU CSD department by the published deadline. Students who are applying only to WSU should complete #1 and #3 under Admission Requirements.

Admission to the MA program is considered for students who have completed an undergraduate major of at least 30 credit hours in the area of speech, language, and hearing disorders. Select undergraduate or closely allied courses of study may 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.

Applications for the MA program are accepted for the Fall semester only, with a deadline of 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 37 hours of didactic coursework, 28 clinical practicum hours, and 3 non-thesis option, or 4 thesis option credit hours, totaling 68 or 69 credit hours. A Plan of Study must be filed with the Graduate School after completion of 12 hours of graduate work.

Students should work closely with CSD academic advisors to ensure proper course selection and clinical experiences for certification and degree.

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.

Lynette R. Goldberg, PhD, Wayne State University, CCC-SLP. Dysphagia, particularly quality of life issues and rheological measurement, international issues in CSD. Fellow of ASHA

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

Rosalind Scudder, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Language disorders, language remediation strategies. 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.

Lara DiLollo, AuD, Central Michigan University, CCC-A. Hearing aids, aural rehabilitation in adults, counseling.

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

Laurie Hughey, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP, Clinic Director. Adult brain injury, Stroke.

Megan Knowles, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Dysphagia, Language disorders

Jennifer Kordonowy, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Kaleidoscope preschool.

Brian Ray, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Fluency disorders. ASHA Board Recognized Specialist.

Mark Shaver, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-A. Hearing aids, aural rehabilitation, community hearing screening

Deborah Tremain, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Director of Community Outreach, St. Francis of Assisi School.

Janette Warne, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP, Early childhood speech and language disorders.

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