Program Requirements

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, the degree students must meet all the academic requirements and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Copies of requirements for both Illinois and national certification are available in the departmental office. The graduate programs are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 in major courses and overall to retain their degree status and to be eligible for department clinicals. Enrollment by graduate students in the department’s clinicals requires degree status. In all instances, permission of the Clinic Director is needed for practicum enrollment, and enrollments may be restricted. External graduate clinicals may require special coursework and will require a student to provide transportation to external settings arranged by the department.

A candidate for the master’s degree must spend at least one full term in residence in order to qualify for the degree. A full term is interpreted as one semester with a class load of eight or more hours, or a summer session with a class load of six or more hours. A degree student in the Doctor of Audiology program must spend one year in residency in order to qualify for the degree. A year in residence is interpreted as three consecutive semesters with a class load of six or more hours for each semester.

Three program options are available for the master’s degree in speech pathology. Regardless of the option selected, the student must meet the academic and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). In order to meet the clinical practicum requirements for the CCC, the student must be prepared to accept responsibility for completing all the clinical assignments. The specific requirements for the master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology follow.

Speech-Language Pathology (M.A./M.S.)

Students must meet all the academic and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Speech Language Pathology from the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).

Students will select one of three options at the end of the spring semester (third term on campus).

Option I—Comprehensive Exam:
- 40 academic hours: CSD 402, 403, 404, 406, 409, 410, 412, 413, 414, 418, 420, 422, 432, 451, and 460
- 18 clinical hours: CSD 408A30, 408A40, 408A50, 408A60, and 408A70
- Pass the comprehensive exam administered by the Department of Communication Science and Disorders

Option II—Independent Study:
- 40 academic hours: CSD 400, 402, 403, 404, 406, 409, 410, 412, 413, 414, 418, 420, 422, 432, 451, and 460
- 18 clinical hours: CSD 408A30, 408A40, 408A50, 408A60, and 408A70
- 2 independent study hours of CSD 400 under the direction of a CSD faculty member

Option III—Thesis:
- 40 academic hours: CSD 402, 403, 404, 406, 409, 410, 412, 413, 414, 418, 420, 422, 432, 451, and 460
- 18 clinical hours: CSD 408A30, 408A40, 408A50, 408A60, and 408A70
- 6 thesis hours: CSD 499 under the direction of a CSD faculty member

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)

This four-year post-baccalaureate professional degree is designed to produce audiologists who are competent to perform a wide array of diagnostic, remedial, and other services associated with the practice of audiology. Students must meet all the academic requirements and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The program requires a minimum of 86 credit hours. Students are expected to be in residence for at least one academic year. Degree requirements include:
- 54 academic hours: CSD 401, 451, 509, 510, 511, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 526, 530, 531, 532, 533, 536, 538, 540, 541, 542.
- 23 clinical hours: CSD 508A10, 508A20, 508A30, 508A40.
- 6 capstone hours (over two semesters): CSD 500.
- 3 clinical residency hours: CSD 598.

Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging

A multidisciplinary program designed to offer a limited number of academically and professionally oriented graduate experiences in aging. The graduate certificate is located within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in cooperation with the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, Psychology, and Communication Sciences and Disorders. For admission requirements and other information, please see the Department of Sociology and Anthropology section in this catalog.

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