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# Southeastern Louisiana University

## Master of Science

# Communication Sciences & Disorders

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### Purposes

The purposes of the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders are:

1. To provide a curriculum to develop professional competencies in communication sciences and disorders.
2. To develop students' awareness of the problems and needs of individuals with communication disorders.
3. To motivate the student toward scholarly research.
4. To prepare the student for further study in the field of communication sciences and disorders.
5. To provide those students majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with academic and clinical training required for the Certificate of Clinical Competency in Speech Pathology (CCC-SLP) granted by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

## **Master of Science (M.S.) Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD) Admission Requirements**

Admission to the program in Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD) is competitive and enrollment is limited. Meeting the minimum admission requirements listed below does not guarantee admission to the program. To be considered for admission to the Master of Science program in CSD, an applicant must:

1. Meet all University admission requirements.
  
2. Have at least 1,350 points based on the formula of:
  - a) Cumulative Grade Point Average of last 60 undergraduate academic hours multiplied by 200(i.e., last 60 hrs. GPA x 200); plus,
  
  - b) Verbal and Quantitative scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (i.e., last 60 hrs. GPA x 200 + V + Q = 1,350 minimum)
  
3. Must submit three Letters of Reference (Forms are available from the Graduate School, Graduate Admissions, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, and the CSD web page) by individuals who are familiar with the student's potential for completing a graduate program.
  
4. All application materials must be completed and on file by March 1st for fall admission, and by October 1st for spring admission. Admission to the CSD program is determined by the program's Graduate Admissions Committee.
  
5. Students who have not completed an undergraduate program in speech-language and hearing, must complete the following prerequisite courses: CSD 101, 201, 202, 205, 212, 213 and 309. Nine hours of undergraduate prerequisite course work must be completed prior to enrollment in any CSD course.

## Requirements for Degree

The Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders offers the academic coursework and clinical practicum experiences required for professional licensure in the field of speech-language pathology in the State of Louisiana. The student curriculum for the Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders can be planned to meet both the state licensure and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (ASHA CCC-SLP).

To meet these requirements the student must: Complete thirty (30) core hours in Communication Sciences & Disorders including 535, 602, 604, 606, 612, 613, 614, 615, 617 and 687; complete twelve (12) hours of Communication Sciences & Disorders electives with no thesis or six (6) hours of electives and six (6) hours of thesis credit with thesis option. Maximum number of Cs allowed in the core curriculum is two (six hours). No grade of C may be repeated in a core course. Students must complete one semester as a full-time student excluding summer. Communication Sciences & Disorders 510, 611 and 603 may not be used to satisfy degree requirements. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination or thesis is required.

**THESIS OPTION:** Students will be allowed to enter the thesis option only with the consent of the Graduate Studies Committee. The thesis is a major work of independent research of primary topics and will be supervised by the student's major professor and thesis committee. Students pursuing State of Louisiana Certification as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or an Ancillary Certification for Speech Therapist should consult with a faculty advisor for specific requirements.



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