

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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Master of Science in Communication Disorders (090S 090I)

The Master of Science in Communication Disorders at SUNY New Paltz is registered as licensure-qualifying in New York State and is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. The program offers the following concentrations:

The program prepares students who have strong undergraduate backgrounds in Communication Disorders for a wide range of career opportunities and for doctoral study. There are two concentrations:

Speech and Language Disabilities (64 credits) 090I

Speech Language Pathology (61 credits) 090S

Both concentrations lead to eligibility for state licensure and ASHA certification in speech-language pathology. The concentration in Speech and Language Disabilities (090I) leads to a New York State teaching certificate as a Teacher of Students with Speech and Language Disabilities (initial TSSLD).

Graduate Programs in Communication Disorders

- MS in Communication Disorders - Speech and Language Disabilities Concentration (<http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/graduate/liberal-arts-sciences/communication-disorders/ms-communication-disorders-speech-language-disabilities-concentration>)
- MS in Communication Disorders - Speech-Language Pathology Concentration (<http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/graduate/liberal-arts-sciences/communication-disorders/ms-communication-disorders-speech-language-pathology-concentration>)

CMD500. Orientation Practicum. 1 Credit.

Students will participate in an introductory graduate clinic. Graduate Clinicians will develop essential clinical practice skills. This course will provide students with scope of practice, prevention in SLP, implications of assessment, developing and modifying therapy plans (clinical decision-making), implementing therapy, data collection skills and clinical recommendations.

CMD501. Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology 1. 2 Credits.

Therapeutic procedures in the management of disorders of oral communication. First-level direct clinical experience working with clients in individual therapy programs at the New Paltz Speech-Language and Hearing Center. Planning of long- and short-term goals, development of lesson plans, selection of appropriate materials and clinical procedures, use of clinical instrumentation, ongoing diagnosis, and accurate written reporting of these experiences.

CMD502. Clinical Methods in Speech Language Pathology 2. 2 Credits.

Therapeutic procedures in the management of communication disorders. Participation in the planning and procedures for SLP therapy including the evaluation of therapeutic progress.

CMD503. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: On-Campus. 3 Credits.

On-Campus Practicum Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD504. Phonological Disorders . 3 Credits.

Analysis of theories of speech sound acquisition and development over the lifespan, phonological processes and their impact on other language processes, and techniques for assessment and remediation of phonological disorders; phonetic transcription on linguistically different & disordered speech.

CMD505. Child Language Disorders . 3 Credits.

An investigation of language pathologies, etiologies, assessment procedures and therapies for children.

CMD507. Seminar in Motor Speech Disorders . 3 Credits.

Etiology, diagnosis and clinical management of motor speech disorders.

CMD508. Neurophysiology of Speech and Language. 3 Credits.

Advanced study of the neuroanatomical structures and the neurological integrations necessary for speech, language and swallowing.

CMD509. Advanced Speech Science. 3 Credits.

Advanced overview of the relationships among speech production, the acoustic properties of the speech signal, and speech perception. Main topics include a review of anatomy and physiology of speech production, acoustic characteristics of vowels and consonants, acoustic cues for speech perception, and models of speech perception.

CMD510. Professional Issues in Communication Disorders. 2 Credits.

Consideration of professional, ethical, and legal issues; structure of programs providing speech and language services in public schools and other settings; strategies for life-long learning and continuing professional development.

CMD511. Aural Rehabilitation of Children and Adults . 3 Credits.

Social, emotional, and communicative impact of hearing impairment; (re)habilitation strategies for children including amplification, cochlear implants, auditory training, assistive technology and educational placement; rehabilitation strategies for adults including speech reading, auditory training and assistive technology; distance learning format.

CMD512. Fluency Disorders. 3 Credits.

Modern theories, research findings and treatment methods related to the study of the nature, etiology and treatment of stuttering and other fluency disorders.

CMD513. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: On-Campus Summer. 1-2 Credits.

On-Campus Summer Practicum Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD514. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: Off-Campus Summer. 1-2 Credits.

Off-Campus Summer Practicum Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD515. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: Off-Campus. 3 Credits.

Off-Campus Practicum Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD516. Adult Language Disorders. 3 Credits.

Nature and significance of language deficits and communicative disorders associated with aphasia, closed head injury, and dementia. Theoretical concepts and evaluative and therapeutic techniques are examined. Recent research findings analyzed.

CMD519. Swallowing Disorders . 4 Credits.

An introduction to the clinical and professional practice aspects of swallowing disorders, dysphagia, from the speech-language pathologist's perspective.

CMD520. Augmentative Communication Systems . 3 Credits.

Theory and practice of augmentative communication systems. Examines basic decision-making issues in the areas of assessment, device selection and intervention strategies for those unable to use speech as a primary mode of communication.

CMD521. Early Intervention for Speech-Language Pathologists . 3 Credits.

A practical approach to early intervention and preschool special education as it relates to the speech-language pathologist: overview of federal and state regulations and their implementation; review of birth-five development across domains; multidisciplinary evaluations and treatment; documentation and record-keeping, service coordination; service provision in home, center, and inclusionary settings, and effective networking strategies.

CMD522. Voice Disorders. 2 Credits.

Recent developments, research findings, and treatment methods related to the etiology and therapy of voice disorders.

CMD523. Language and Literacy Development . 3 Credits.

Explores the nature of language and literacy development and provides an introduction to modern theories, recent developments, research findings, and treatment methods related to language and literacy.

CMD524. Applied Language Sciences. 1 Credit.

Formal aspects of syntax and morphology as appropriate to the assessment and treatment of breakdowns in typical language production and comprehension. Syntactic terms used by language interventionists are reviewed and applied through practice exercises. Topics are addressed within the framework of Brown's stages of developmental expectations.

CMD525. Advanced Diagnosis of Speech and Language Disorders . 3 Credits.

Theoretical and practical application of the scientific method to the diagnosis of speech, language, and voice disorders in individuals.

CMD526. Diagnostic Practicum in SLP. 1 Credit.

Guided clinical practice in diagnostic procedures in speech and language in an on-campus clinical setting, toward meeting requirements for ASHA certification. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times.

CMD527. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: Specialty Clinic. 1-2 Credits.

Specialty Clinic Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD528. Practicum in Speech Language Pathology: Off-Campus Screenings. 1 Credit.

Off-Campus Screenings Procedures used in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders are studied and applied under supervision. Each student will plan and carry out a program of treatment for persons with communication disorders. Students analyze their clinical performance, set goals for improvement, and evaluate their progress. May be repeated for credit.

CMD530. Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology in the Schools. 3 Credits.

Guided clinical practice in the therapeutic procedures for the prevention, assessment and management of communication disorders in an educational setting. Sufficient to meet requirements for initial New York State certification as Teachers of Students with Speech and Language Disabilities (TSSLD).

CMD532. Clinical Instrumentation Laboratory. 1 Credit.

Principals of assessment of speech and voice, including physiologic, acoustic, and perceptual measures. Students will acquire practical experience in performing voice assessments and in interpreting and reporting the results.

CMD550. Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice 1. 2 Credits.

The first of two research courses that introduce the research process, research techniques and research sources. Dual goals of the course are to enable students to write effective research proposals for questions they desire to answer and to understand and critically evaluate research reports they read.

CMD551. Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice 2. 2 Credits.

One of two research courses that expand students' knowledge on the research process, research techniques and research sources. Dual goals of the course are to enable students to write effective research proposals for questions they desire to answer and critically evaluate reports they read.

CMD553. Research Practicum. 1-6 Credits.

A mentored forum for students to refine their own research interests while participating in clinical and non-clinical research specific to Communication Disorders. May be repeated for credit up to three times.

CMD570. Diagnostic Audiology Practicum for the SLP. 1 Credit.

Students will be introduced to diagnostic audiological environment and develop skills commensurate with Scope of Practice for Speech Language Pathologist (ASHA Legislative Council on September 2, 2007, LC 09-07). Student will engage with patient in audiological evaluation techniques with specific focus on aural rehabilitation. Basic evaluation interpretation in a strictly supervised setting.

CMD593. Communication Disorders Selected Topic. 1-12 Credits.

CMD595. Indep Study Communication Disorders. 1-12 Credits.

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CMD599. Comprehensive Exam Workshop. 0 Credits.

Non-credit workshop for students who wish to devote the semester immediately following the completion of their coursework to prepare for the comprehensive exam.

CMD799. Continued Registration. 1 Credit.