MS IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Program Overview

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Program ID
090S

Credits
61

Program Length
MS can be completed in 2 years if enrolled full-time, but students must complete degree within 4 years

Modality
In-person

Full-time/Part-time
Full-time

Transfer Credits
6

Capstone
Comprehensive Exam

Admission Requirements

• A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution

• A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 scale)

• A college-level course in statistics with a minimum grade of 2.0 (4.0 scale)

• At least eight courses in communication disorders at the undergraduate level. Courses must be determined to be equivalent to the New Paltz minimum specified courses listed below and must have been completed in the last 10 years. These courses may be in progress at the time of application but must be completed prior to entry into the program.

• One copy of ALL official transcripts (including transfer schools)

• A non-refundable application fee of $60

• Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your recent professional/academic activity and qualifications. At least two must be from academic faculty

• A typed, 400-500 word response to the writing prompt included in the application.

• A completed Prerequisites Form

• An interview and proctored writing sample may be required

Additional Courses

In addition, students applying for the Speech-Language Disabilities Program (090I) must complete the following three courses or their equivalents. These courses should be taken in advance but may be completed during graduate study:

• A course in the Foundations of Education, e.g., equivalent to EDS340 Sociological and Philosophical Foundations of Education (3 credits)

• A course in child or adolescent development, e.g., equivalent to EDS371 Child Psychology and Development (3 credits)

• A course in special education inclusion, e.g., equivalent to SPE350 Creating Inclusive Elementary School Classrooms or SPE385 Differentiating Instruction in the Secondary School (3 credits). Alternatively, students may take SPE565 Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms (3 credits) after starting the graduate program

Other required courses for ASHA certification that should be taken in advance but may be completed during graduate study are listed below. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in each course.

• A college-level biological science course, preferably human or animal (3 credits)

• A college-level physics or chemistry course relevant to the field of Communication Disorders (3 credits)

• Two college-level social science courses (total of 6 credits)

• Manual communication proficiency is required for ASHA certification, and although there are a variety of ways to fulfill this requirement, we recommend a course or certificate in manual communication (such as American Sign Language)

Refer to the ASHA.org website for examples of courses that fulfill these requirements: ASHA Certification Courses

Application Deadlines

Applications Open - August 1
Applications Close - February 1

M.S. in Communication Disorders - Speech-Language Pathology Concentration 090S

The Speech-Language Pathology concentration comprises 61 credits and leads to New York State licensure and ASHA certification.

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1 Must include 25 observation hours
### Required Coursework (42 Credits)

**Scientific and Research Bases:**
- CMD508 Neurophysiology of Speech and Language
- CMD509 Advanced Speech Science
- CMD524 Applied Language Sciences
- CMD532 Clinical Instrumentation Laboratory
- CMD550 Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice 1
- CMD551 Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice 2

**Speech, Language, and Swallowing:**
- CMD504 Phonological Disorders
- CMD505 Child Language Disorders
- CMD507 Seminar in Motor Speech Disorders
- CMD512 Fluency Disorders
- CMD516 Adult Language Disorders
- CMD519 Swallowing Disorders
- CMD520 Augmentative Communication Systems
- CMD521 Early Intervention for Speech-Language Pathologists
- CMD522 Voice Disorders
- CMD525 Advanced Diagnosis of Speech and Language Disorders

**Clinical Practicum (19 Credits)**
- CMD501 Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology 1
- CMD502 Clinical Methods in Speech Language Pathology 2
- CMD510 Professional Issues in Communication Disorders
- CMD503 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. On-Campus Summer
- CMD513 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. On-Campus 1
- CMD514 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. Off-Campus Fall
- CMD515 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. Off-Campus Spring
- CMD526 Diagnostic Practicum in SLP
- CMD570 Diagnostic Audiology Practicum for the SLP

Select one elective from below:
- CMD500 Orientation Practicum
- CMD503 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. On-Campus Summer
- CMD526 Diagnostic Practicum in SLP
- CMD527 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. Specialty Clinic
- CMD528 Practicum in Speech Language Pathology. Off-Campus Screenings
- CMD553 Research Practicum
- CMD595 Indep Study Communication Disorders

### Comprehensive Exam

Total Credits 61

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1 credit course. Taken twice.

Repeatable course.

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Students must:

- File a “plan of study” during the first semester after matriculation
- Complete prescribed course work within four years after matriculation
- Maintain a cumulative average of 3.0 or higher, with no more than two grades below B-
- Successfully complete a comprehensive examination with written and oral components
- Demonstrate clinical competence by successfully completing the prescribed number of clinical contact hours. These will be between 325 and 375 clock hours depending on previous clinical experience