

# Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders

# College of Health & Human Services

## Fully Accredited

The Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders 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 period of accreditation extends from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2023.

Graduates meet all academic and practicum requirements for the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP). The major also meets the academic and practicum requirements for licensure in speech-language pathology in the state of Illinois.

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## Special Admission Requirements

Students must apply for admission by January 15 of the year in which enrollment is sought.

In addition to meeting university criteria, applicants must:

- Have completed a bachelor's degree in communication disorders, or its equivalent, at a university with regional accreditation;
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all undergraduate coursework; and
- Complete the application materials of the Department of Communication Disorders through Central Application Service for Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDCAS).

## Required Courses (54 Hours)

CDIS 6100 Professional and Scientific Foundations of Communication Disorders (3)  
CDIS 6200 Advanced Assessment and Intervention in Speech-Language Pathology (3)  
CDIS 7100 Fluency Disorders: Evaluation and Treatment (3)  
CDIS 7200 Voice and Resonance Disorders (3)  
CDIS 7300 Aural Rehabilitation: Principles and Procedures (3)  
CDIS 7400 Speech Sound Disorders in Children (3)  
CDIS 7500 Child Language Disorders: Early Stages (3)  
CDIS 7550 Child Language Disorders: Later Stages (3)  
CDIS 7600 Adult Language and Cognitive Disorders (3)  
CDIS 7700 Motor Speech Disorders: Differential Diagnosis and Treatment (3)  
CDIS 7800 Dysphagia in Adults and Children (3)  
CDIS 8100 Professional Issues Seminar in Communication Disorders (1)  
CDIS 8200 Foundations of Clinical Practice (1)  
CDIS 8300 Qualifying Examination in Communication Disorders (1)  
CDIS 8810 Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology: Special Populations (6)  
CDIS 8820 Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology: Public School (6)  
CDIS 8830 Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology: Medical Setting (6)

## Non-Thesis/Thesis Option (1 or 4 Hours)

Select one of the following options:

### Non-Thesis Option:

CDIS 8000 Current Topics (1)

### Thesis Option:

CDIS 8700 Independent Study: (1)  
CDIS 8900 Graduate Thesis/Project (3)

**Total Required with Non-Thesis Option – 55 Hours**  
**Total Required with Thesis Option – 58 Hours**

