

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS GRADUATE STUDY
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PROGRAM STRENGTHS

1. Accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Accreditation has been continuous since 1970.
2. Graduate internships which are full-time, full-semester, off-campus clinical experiences.
3. A well-qualified faculty.
4. Small classes; frequent student-faculty interactions.
5. Availability of clients to provide clinical clock hours in appropriate categories.
6. Excellent supervision of practicum.
7. An attractive university clinic which is well-stocked with equipment and clinical materials.
8. Opportunity to work with faculty on clinical research projects.
9. State-of-the-art computer usage, with emphasis on the computer as a partner in the client-clinician interaction.
10. Excellent job placement.

PROGRAM SIZE

2008-2009 ENROLLMENT WAS: 140 undergraduate students
30 graduate students

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. A cumulative overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 point scale is considered the minimum requirement.
2. Strong performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required.
3. Completed Graduate Application will be reviewed beginning in January.

LENGTH OF STUDY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE

1. Four or five terms of study are typical for meeting all ASHA-CCC requirements as well as those for State Licensure and Public School certification. Eligibility for certification is a graduation requirement.
2. Clinical practicum including an internship in the public schools and hospital setting following satisfactory experience in the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic.
3. The Clinical Process Commentary (CPC).
4. Take the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology [PRAXIS].

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP: Applicants are invited to apply for a limited number of graduate fellowships that are awarded on a competitive basis. By accepting the award, the student is expected to carry a minimum of a 9.0 semester hour course load. The graduate fellow, depending on the award, will be assigned to work 5-10 hours per week with a faculty member in his/her area of research, clinic, or teaching.

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUCCESS RECORD

1. For the past three years [from 2006-2009], 100 percent of the graduate students passed the National Examination in Speech Language-Pathology [PRAXIS].
2. We have seen 100 percent job placement and/or admission to doctoral programs from 2006-2009.
3. Over the last three years, the Program completion rate has been greater than 99%.

FACULTY

There are eight faculty/staff members in Communication Disorders. Each is ASHA certified in CCC-SLP or CCC-A. The faculty received advanced degrees from the following institutions:

Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D.	Director, Communication Disorders	CCC-SLP	Case Western Reserve University
Ilene G. Ashbaugh, Au.D.	Assistant Professor	CCC-A	Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Paula S. Cochran, Ph.D.	Professor	CCC-SLP	University of Virginia
Sheila S. Garlock, M.A.	Assistant Professor	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Patricia L. Hanson, M.A.	Instructor	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Melissa S. Passe, M.A.	Clinic Director	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Andrea G. Richards, M.Ed.	Part-Time Instructor	CCC-SLP	Northeastern State Univ-Tahlequah, OK
Merlin L. Taylor, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	CCC-SLP	University of Memphis

Faculty Research and Interests Include:

Speech and language characteristics of geriatric populations
Micro-computer assisted language intervention
Child Phonology Disorders
Dysphagia
Clinical Practice and Procedures
Augmentative/Alternative Communication
Neurogenics
Fluency
Voice

Accredited in: Speech-Language Pathology

Application Deadline: March 15th [earlier - February 1st - submission recommended] for Fall Enrollment
Application for Spring admission should be submitted as quickly as possible

2008-2009 Graduate Program Demographics [Speech-Language Pathology]:

Number of Applications	49
Number Admitted	34
Number of Acceptances	19
Full-time Enrollment	30
Part-time Enrollment	Not applicable
G.P.A. Mean	3.42
% Receiving Financial Aid	100%
Degrees Granted Most Recent Year [2008-2009]	10
Degrees Granted, Last 5 Years	51

Typical Length of Graduate Program: With an Undergraduate Major in CMDS: 2 years
With Undergraduate Major in another field: 3 years

Research opportunities: Graduate students meeting minimum Program requirements may choose to complete a thesis project under the direct supervision of a CMDS faculty member. In addition, many other informal opportunities are available for mentored student research.

Hours of Graduate Academic Credit: 39 minimum required

Send application, transcripts, three (3) letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and GRE scores to:

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