

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Program Information

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences offers a Master of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders. A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is offered through the Rehabilitation Sciences Doctor of Philosophy Program: Communication and Swallowing Sciences and Disorders (CSSD) concentration. For more information about a Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology related topics, see <https://rehabsci.phhp.ufl.edu/programs/course-requirements/communication-and-swallowing-sciences-and-disorders-track/>

The **Master of Arts program** is designed to prepare students for entry-level professional practice in speech-language pathology. The program offers students a comprehensive learning experience – one that combines active classroom-based learning with an assortment of “hands on” learning opportunities at the many clinical sites available on or near the University of Florida campus. Graduates of the program can expect to develop the knowledge and skills that are needed to deliver evidence-based clinical services to a wide range of populations in a variety of clinical settings. The Master of Arts program is primarily oriented toward developing students’ clinical competence; however, students who elect to enter the “thesis track” of the program have the opportunity to conduct original research in laboratory and real-world settings under the mentorship of faculty who are widely recognized for their research contributions.

For more information, please see the department website: <http://slhs.phhp.ufl.edu/academics> (<http://slhs.phhp.ufl.edu/academics/>).

Degrees Offered

Degrees Offered with a Major in Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Arts

Requirements for these degrees are given in the Graduate Degrees (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

Courses

Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Departmental Courses

Code	Title	Credits
LIN 5741	Applied English Grammar	3
LIN 6720	Second Language Acquisition	3
SPA 5051	Clinical Observation in Audiology	1
SPA 5102	Auditory Anatomy and Physiology	2
SPA 5204	Phonological Disorders	3
SPA 5211	Voice Disorders	3
SPA 5225	Principles of Speech Pathology: Stuttering	3
SPA 5254	Neurocognitive Language Disorders	3
SPA 5304	Principles of Audiological Evaluation	3
SPA 5401	Speech Pathology Language Disorder	3
SPA 6010	Basic Auditory Sciences	3
SPA 6133L	Hearing Aid Analysis Laboratory	1

SPA 6233	Speech Motor Control Disorders	3
SPA 6270	Auditory Processing Disorders	3
SPA 6305	Pediatric Audiology	3
SPA 6311	Medical Audiology	3
SPA 6317	Vestibular Disorders	2
SPA 6323	Audiologic Rehabilitation for Adults	2
SPA 6324	Audiologic Rehabilitation for Children	2
SPA 6340	Amplification I	2
SPA 6341	Amplification II	2
SPA 6390	Proseminar: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	3
SPA 6410	Adult Language Disorders	3
SPA 6506	Clinical Clerkship in Audiology	1
SPA 6524	Practicum in Speech-Language Therapy: UFSHC	1-6
SPA 6531	Clinical Practice in Hearing Assessment	1-6
SPA 6564	Communication and Aging	3
SPA 6581	Special Clinical	1-9
SPA 6805	Introduction to Graduate Research	3
SPA 6905	Individual Study	1-3
SPA 6910	Supervised Research	1-5
SPA 6930	Proseminar in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	1
SPA 6935	Applied Reading Disabilities: Diagnosis and Treatment	3
SPA 6936	Special Topics	3
SPA 6940	Supervised Teaching	1-5
SPA 6942	Externship in Speech-Language Pathology	7-12
SPA 6971	Research for Master's Thesis	1-15
SPA 7306	Audiologic Assessment in a Medical Setting	5
SPA 7318	Clinical Auditory Electrophysiology	5
SPA 7319	Balance Disorders: Evaluation and Treatment	5
SPA 7325	Audiologic Rehabilitation	5
SPA 7343	Cochlear Implants and Assistive Devices	5
SPA 7348	Principles of Amplification	5
SPA 7353	Environmental Hearing Conservation	5
SPA 7354	Seminar in Audiology: Hearing Conservation and Noise Control	3
SPA 7391	Business and Professional Issues in Audiology	5
SPA 7566	Counseling Individuals with Hearing Losses	5
SPA 7945	Graduate Practicum in Audiology	3-6
SPA 7958	Clinical Externship	3-12
SPA 7979	Advanced Research	1-12
SPA 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15

College of Public Health and Health Professions Courses

Code	Title	Credits
GEY 5935	Topics in Gerontology	3
GEY 6220	Overview of Geriatric Care Management	3
GEY 6306	Interpersonal Communication Within the Aging Network	3
GEY 6646	Issues and Concepts in Gerontology	3
GEY 6936	Professional Development in Gerontology/ Geriatrics	1-2
HSC 6905	Independent Study	1-3
HSC 6910	Supervised Research	1-5
HSC 6940	Supervised Teaching	1-5
PHC 6053	Regression Methods for the Health and Life Sciences	3

PHC 6193	Qualitative Data Analysis	3	SLO 2
PHC 6195	Health information for Diverse Populations: Theory & Methods	3	Knowledge Students will demonstrate knowledge of the principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for people with communication and swallowing disorders, including consideration of anatomical/physiological, psychological, developmental, social, linguistic and cultural correlates of the disorders, in academic and clinical settings
PHC 6447	Ecology of HIV/Aids in the Rural South	3	
PHC 6917	Supervised Research Project	1-6	
PHC 6945	Public Health Practicum	1-6	
PHC 6946	Public Health Internship	1-9	
PHC 7587	Theory Development and Testing in Behavioral & Community Public Health	2	SLO 3 Skills Students will display clinical skills needed to assess and diagnose speech, language, and swallowing disorders
PHC 7907	Social and Behavioral Science Journal Club	1	
RCS 6036	Or to Forensic Vt P	3	
RCS 6601	Forensic Rehabilitation Consultation I	3	
RCS 6602	Forensic Rehabilitation Consultation II	3	
RSD 6110	Rehabilitation Science Theory and Application I	3	SLO 4 Skills Students will apply clinical skills needed to provide efficacious and appropriate intervention for individuals with speech, language, and swallowing disorders
RSD 6905	Individual Work	1-4	
RSD 6910	Supervised Research	1-5	
RSD 6930	Special Topics in Rehabilitation Science	1-4	
RSD 6940	Supervised Teaching	1-3	
RSD 7979	Advanced Research	1-12	SLO 5 Professional Behavior Students will demonstrate ethical behavior and compliance with the University's rules and policies during interactions with program faculty and staff, clients/patients and their families/caregivers, as well as with other professionals
RSD 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15	

Student Learning Outcomes

Communication Sciences & Disorders (Ph.D.)

- SLO1**
Communicate theoretical understanding
Students communicate theoretical understandings and the evidence for them to audiences which may include members with varying degrees of experience and/or expertise
- SLO2**
Evaluate and discuss research
Students critically evaluate research design and discuss the impact of research findings on relevant theory.
- SLO3**
Supervised Teaching
Students teach an undergraduate class.
- SLO4**
Grantsmanship
Students understand the grant mechanisms available to our field and how to write proposals to secure grant funding.
- SLO5**
Publications
Students produce original data-based research papers suitable for publication in top-tier, peer-reviewed journals.

Communication Sciences & Disorders (M.A.)

- SLO 1**
Knowledge
Students will demonstrate knowledge of speech, language, hearing, and swallowing processes, including their biological, neurological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural bases in academic and clinical settings