

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Our Master of Arts Program in Speech-Language Pathology is a two-year, postbaccalaureate program consisting of coursework and on-site clinical practica, followed by two semesters of full-time, external internship placements. Clinical experiences at the USD Scottish Rite Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, the Sioux Falls Scottish Rite Children's Clinic, and our affiliates include comprehensive diagnostic and rehabilitative speech and language services with individuals aged infant through elderly.

The M.A. in Speech Language Pathology prepares students for the professions of: the evaluation, diagnosis, and rehabilitation of persons with speech and language disorders.

ACCREDITATION - A SIGN OF QUALITY

Our graduate programs are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The academic and clinical practicum requirements for national certification in speech-language pathology and audiology from the Council for Clinical Certification of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) may be completed across the undergraduate and graduate programs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the communication disorders program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad.

To be eligible for the Communication Disorders program, applicants must:

Complete prerequisite coursework requirements or have a Bachelor's degree in the field

Required Test for Admission:

M.A., Ph.D.: GRE

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall: January 15; Spring: October 15

GETTING STARTED:

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission.

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS:

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Master of Arts in Speech Language Pathology Undergraduate Prerequisite Courses:

Course	Course Title
DCOM 131	Introduction to Communication Sciences & Disorders
DCOM 211	Phonetics
DCOM 212	Language Development
DCOM 221	Audiology
DCOM 224	Speech Science
DCOM 421	Hearing Science
	Biological Science and Physical Science

Master of Arts in Speech Language Pathology Required Courses:

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
DCOM 423/523*	Aural Rehabilitation	3
DCOM 432/532*	Disorders of Phonology/Articulation	3
DCOM 433/533*	Voice Disorders	3
DCOM 434/534*	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
DCOM 435/535*	Language Disorders in Children	3
DCOM 437/537*	Advanced Language Disorders	3
DCOM 710	Professional Issues I	1
DCOM 711	Professional Issues II	1
DCOM 724	Advanced Communication Science	3
DCOM 730	Central Auditory Processing Disorders	3
DCOM 731	Fluency Disorders	3
DCOM 732	Craniofacial Anomalies	3
DCOM 733	Neuromotor Speech Disorders	3
DCOM 734	Acquired Disorders of Language and Cognition	3
DCOM 736	Diagnosis in Speech and Language Disorders	3
DCOM 737	Dysphagia	3
DCOM 787	Theories and Methods of Grad Study	3
DCOM 595	Clinical Practicum	2-6
DCOM 596	Filed Experience	3-6
DCOM 794	Internship (two semesters)	8-12 each

* Unless completed at the Undergraduate Level



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