

Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology

The School of Social Work participates in the interdisciplinary minor in gerontology and the graduate certificate in gerontology. Specific requirements and courses available for the minor and the certificate can be found under the Interdisciplinary Minor and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology headings in the College of Health section of this *Bulletin*.

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The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences offers programs leading to the Master of Arts, the Master of Science, and the Doctor of Audiology degrees. Master's degree emphases are in two principal areas: (1) speech-language pathology, and (2) education of the deaf. The doctoral degree is in audiology.

New graduate students are accepted by the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences in speech-language pathology or education of the deaf for the summer and fall semesters only. Audiology accepts students in the fall only. Students must have regular admission status to register for practicum courses.

Nondegree students are not permitted to register for courses in speech and hearing sciences without permission.

Potential graduate students should refer to other sections of the *Bulletin* for information regarding admission requirements as set forth by the Graduate School. Regular admission to the master's and doctoral programs is based upon the previous academic records, submission of scores on the Graduate Record Examination, and three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be from persons qualified to assess the applicant's readiness for graduate study and should be sent to the department. The size of the graduate program is limited by accreditation standards, and admission is made on a competitive basis.

Students who do not qualify for regular admission may be admitted on a conditional basis if space allows. Conditional students may be required to take additional coursework for graduation. In addition, a speech-language pathology student whose initial admission is on a conditional or nondegree basis may register for no more than one hour of clinical practicum during any semester of the graduate program. Conditional students whose grade point average is less than 3.0 after the first nine (9) hours or on all courses taken while meeting the nine (9) hour requirement will be dropped from the program.

A major in speech-language pathology at the master's level requires a minimum of fifty-four (54) semester hours. The Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology requires a foreign language proficiency, thesis, four semester hours of clinical practicum, no less than 12 three-semester-hour courses, and the successful completion of a comprehensive examination. A 3.0 GPA is required for graduation. The master's comprehensive examination is the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; the passing score for this year is 600. The Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology requires four semester hours of clinical practicum, no less than 15 three-semester-hour courses, and the successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

The Doctor of Audiology degree requires nine semesters of clinical practicum, a minimum of 26 three-semester-hour courses, completion of an extern residency, successful completion of a doctoral research project, and the successful completion of the doctoral comprehensive examination. A 3.0 GPA is required for graduation.

Residency

Doctoral students must meet residency requirements in this *Bulletin*.

Continuous Enrollment Requirement: Students must meet the requirement specified in the front section of this *Bulletin*.

Plan of Study. Students must submit their signed, official *Plan of Study Form* to the Graduate School by the end of the first semester they are enrolled. The *Plan of Study Forms* are available at www.edu/graduateschool - click on "Current Students" and then the "Plans of Study" link.

Master's Degree in Education of the Deaf with Concentration in Early Oral Intervention for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The master's degree with emphasis in early oral intervention is a rigorous one-year program of study. All students begin in August and complete the program of study in July. Concurrent center-based, home-based, and academic-based practicum experiences accompany each academic session. Some practicum experiences will be in the Jackson area and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Students complete the following courses in their degree matriculation: SHS 601, 610, 611, 626, 629, 637, 638, 639, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 691, 720, ADE 576 or 607, and CD 628. Prerequisites for the program include the following courses: Normal Language Development, Infant Development or Child Development, Introduction to Audiology, Phonetics, Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism, Anatomy and Physiology of the Hearing Mechanism. (The anatomy/physiology prerequisite may be met through one combined course or two courses.)

Master's Degree with Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology

The master's degree with emphasis in speech-language pathology is a clinical degree designed to meet the academic and practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The following courses are to be taken by candidates for the master's degree in this emphasis area: SHS 513, 516, 518, 519, 601, 642, 643, 644, 646, 648, 650, 687, 694, and/or 695, 702, 712, 716, 719. A 3.0 GPA is required for graduation.

Practicum Requirements

A student in speech-language pathology or audiology must complete practicum in three different settings. Off-campus sites must be approved by the faculty adviser, and students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 before beginning off-campus practicum.

Doctor of Audiology Degree

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree is a clinical doctorate designed to meet the academic and practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The following courses are to be taken by candidates for the Doctor of Audiology degree: SHS 528, 601, 621, 622, 623, 625, 688, 694, 701, 703, 706, 708, 710, 718, 721, 722, 723, 724, 726, 733, 735, 736, 740, 743, 791, REF 602, and CHS 625. Additional elective courses will be determined by the adviser and the department chair. A 3.0 GPA is required for graduation.

Accreditation

The master's degree program in speech-language pathology and the doctoral program in audiology are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and are recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the United States Office of Education.

Admission Requirements for International Students

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission stated in this *Bulletin*, international students are required to submit a TOEFL score of 560 and submission of scores from the GRE (all sections).