**Mission Statement**

The Department of Communication Disorders is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and clinical practice in speech-language pathology and audiology. We are committed to innovative instruction, expansion of knowledge, and community-based collaboration to create a vibrant and supportive learning community that engages and inspires students, faculty, staff, and clients. Advanced clinical and educational training, grounded in evidence-based practices (EBP) and practice-based evidence (PBE), prepares students to serve individuals with communication disorders and their families in an ethical and culturally competent manner.

**Vision Statement**

The vision of the Department of Communication Disorders is to become the leading program in the State of Texas for educating future speech-language pathologist and audiologists for clinical, research, and leadership roles ready to work successfully with culturally and/or linguistically diverse across the lifespan.

The Department prepares students at the graduate level to diagnose and manage speech, language, communication, swallowing, and hearing impairments in children and adults. A Master's degree is required for state licensure and national certification. The graduate program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

**Immunization Requirements**

It is the policy of the College of Health Professions that each student must provide a health report completed by a physician and must take specific immunizations before the student can be placed in a clinical or internship assignment. Information on these requirements and the required forms may be obtained through the department office.

**Background Check and Drug Screening**

As a condition for placement in some professional practice sites, some students are required to have a background check and/or drug screening to meet requirements set by individual sites. Information on the background check/drug screening process will be provided by the department. Previous misdemeanor or felony convictions under various titles of the Texas Penal Code may affect eligibility for practitioner license status following scholarships.

**Master of Science in Communication Disorders (M.S.C.D.)**

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**Master of Arts (M.A.)**

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