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

Major Program

The major in communication disorders is clinically oriented and is designed to prepare clinicians for employment in hospitals, clinics, private practice, and public schools. The program meets the minimum education and clinical requirements for state licensure as a speech-language pathologist and for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The academic program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the ASHA.

Candidates for the communication disorders master’s degree are encouraged to earn a passing score on the Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology before graduation and substitute a passing score for the required departmental graduate comprehensive examination.

Admission Policy

For information regarding admission application requirements and deadlines, please visit The Graduate College website at http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/codis.html.

Facilities

The university operates the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic on a twelve-month basis and is nationally known as a treatment center for communication disorders. Graduate students utilize the clinic for research in addition to clinical training experiences.

Course Work Requirements

The time to degree may vary, depending on the undergraduate background of a student, but the M.S.C.D. requires a minimum of 36 academic hours:

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Cognate Requirement

The communication disorders M.A. degree requires specific minors from within the Department of Communication Disorders. Please consult with the communication disorders graduate advisor for more information about this program. Students may choose from the following cognate options:

- Communication Disorders Autism Cognate
- Communication Disorders Bidialectal Cognate
- Communication Disorders Bilingual Cognate
- Communication Disorders Fluency Cognate
- Communication Disorders Neurogenic, Voice, & Swallowing Cognate
- Communication Disorders Versatility in Practice Cognate

Background Course Work

The number of hours of background work required is determined in consultation with the communication disorders undergraduate/leveling advisor and is dependent on the courses taken at the undergraduate level. Please refer to the Leveling Course Sequence located on the Department of Communication Disorders website at http://www.health.txstate.edu/cdis/Admissions/Graduate-Admissions.html. Upon completion of the required background work (leveling), applicants may apply for admission to the regular graduate sequence for a fall term using this same packet with the Feb 1st deadline. Completion of the background requirements in the Department of Communication Disorders at Texas State DOES NOT GUARANTEE admission to the TWO-YEAR graduate program.

Practicum

In order to obtain the required clinical hours for certification, graduate students must enroll for clinical practicum each term enrolled for study toward the master’s degree. Students participating in on-campus clinical practicum in speech-language pathology must enroll in CDIS 5344. Students earning supervised clock hours in audiology must enroll in CDIS 5321. Graduate students earning clinical hours in both speech-language pathology and audiology during the term must enroll for both CDIS 5344 and CDIS 5321 concurrently. Students participating in off-
campus clinical practicum must enroll in CDIS 5689. Academic hours for clinical practicum do not count toward the degree.

If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student’s capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation. The thesis handbook may be accessed at http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/docs/Thesis_Diss_Guide.pdf.

Thesis Proposal
The student must submit an official Master’s Thesis Proposal form to their thesis committee. The required thesis proposal form may be obtained from The Graduate College at http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/gcforms.html. After signing the form and obtaining committee members’ signatures, graduate advisor’s signature (if required by the program), and the department chair’s signature, the student must submit the thesis proposal form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended the thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student’s enrollment in 5399A.

Thesis Committee
The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

Thesis Enrollment and Credit
The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. Enrollment for the thesis will be in course number 5399A for a student’s initial thesis enrollment and a thesis B course for each subsequent thesis enrollment in the field in which the subject matter of the thesis falls, e.g., ENG 5399A, ENG 5199B, ENG 5299B, ENG 5399B, ENG 5599B, and ENG 5999B. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

A student will be required to enroll in and pay the fee for at least one hour of the thesis course during any term in which the student will receive thesis supervision or guidance and/or in which the student is using university resources. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B. The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrew), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit (“CR”) will be awarded only after the thesis is filed in the Alkek Library and the librarian has electronically returned the thesis card to the office of The Graduate College.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during summer the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

Fee Reduction
A master’s degree candidate for graduation may be eligible for a one-time fee reduction under V.T.C.A. Education Code, Section 54.054. Please refer to the section titled Fee Reduction in the Additional Fees and Expenses chapter of this catalog for more information.

Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process
Thesis deadlines are posted at the following web page: http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/Thes-Diss_Info/T-D_Deadlines.html. The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee no later than 41 days before the date of the commencement at which the degree is to be conferred.

The following must be submitted to the office of The Graduate College no later than 24 days, not counting weekends or holidays, before the date of commencement at which the degree is to be conferred (see The Graduate College webpage for specific deadlines):

1. The Thesis/Dissertation Committee Approval form bearing original signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) copy of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, on standard paper (Hard-copy Submission Option) or PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the on-line Vireo submission system (Vireo On-line Submission Option).

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, the process is as follows:

1. For the Vireo On-line Submission Option:
   a. No copies are required to be submitted to the Alkek Library. However, Alkek will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to the Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

Master’s level courses in Communication Disorders: CDIS (p. 2), HP (p. 6)

Courses Offered
Communication Disorders (CDIS)

CDIS 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis. About Thesis
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit about Thesis
CDIS 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis. About Thesis
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CDIS 5301. Advanced Independent Study in Communication Disorders.
Discussions of various areas of speech language pathology. Attention to individual needs of the student. Emphasis on independent study in habilitation and rehabilitation of communication disorders. This course is repeatable for credit and can be taught by different faculty covering different topics. Prerequisite: Faculty permission required.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CDIS 5312. Neuroanatomy for Communication Disorders.
This is a lecture course that examines the organization of the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nervous system. Significance of the areas of the nervous system that are primary or secondary for speech, language, and hearing are the main focus of this course. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5321. Clinical Practicum in Audiology.
Supervised clinical practicum in audiology. Focus is on both diagnostic and rehabilitative audiological management of diverse populations. Must be taken every semester that a student participates in supervised audiology practicum. May be repeated for credit but not counted toward graduate degree credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis. Prerequisites: CDIS 4420 and CDIS 4370 or equivalents; instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5325. Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Production System.
Description of structure and function of the speech production system with emphasis on physical problems in speech, language, and hearing. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5330. Speech and Language Development.
Course to acquaint students with acquisition of speech and language in children. Basic information from linguistics, psycholinguistics, psychology, and communication are examined for children in various stages of development. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. About Speech and Language Development
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5331. Stuttering Therapy.
Description of therapeutic intervention with children and adults who stutter. Techniques of assessment, management, and counseling are emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CDIS 5333. Language Disorders in School-Age and Adolescence.
This introductory-level course will review assessment and intervention for language disorders in the school-age and adolescent population. The relationship between language and literacy will be discussed. Students will engage in detailed narrative analyses. Evidence-based practice and collaborative models of intervention will be emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CDIS 5334. Articulation and Phonological Disorders: Assessment and Intervention.
Study of normal, delayed, and disordered child phonology in English and select dialects/languages. Course covers etiologies, characteristics, and anatomic/physiologic bases of delays/disorders, as well as their potential impact on phonological awareness and subsequent development in reading/writing. Prevention, assessment, and treatment of disorders will be discussed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multi.Content & Perspective
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CDIS 5335. Bilingual Phonology and Phonological Disorders.
Typical development of Spanish-English bilingual/bidialectal children’s articulation and phonology will be discussed. Assessment and intervention of articulation and phonology with bilingual/bidialectal children will also be addressed. The information and theoretical foundations serve as a guide for students to critically evaluate and clinically apply research in bilingual populations.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
CDIS 5336. Neuromotor Disorders of Speech: Description and Rehabilitation.
The course reviews the neuroanatomic mechanisms underlying speech production and surveys the etiology, symptomatology, epidemiology, course, and prognosis of speech disorders resulting from impairment of the central and/or peripheral nervous system. Emphasis is placed on apraxia and the dysarthrias. Clinical application in assessment and rehabilitation of patients with neurogenically-based motor speech deficits is stressed. Prerequisite: CDIS 3312 or equivalent.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Neuromotor Disorders of Speech: Description and Rehabilitation

CDIS 5337. Vocal Rehabilitation.
Assessment of vocal function and disorders; rehabilitation of the patient with vocal abnormalities due to vocal abuse, psychological, and/or organic etiologies, including laryngectomy. Prerequisite: Vocal Rehabilitation

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Vocal Rehabilitation

CDIS 5339. Dysphagia.
A review of anatomic and physiologic disturbances of swallowing in neurologically impaired and post-surgical head and neck cancer patients will be presented. Instrumentation, techniques of evaluation, and radiograph examination of deglutition will be reviewed. Rehabilitation procedures will be described in detail.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Dysphagia

This introductory-level course will review neuropathology and neurophysiology of traumatic brain injury and dementia, introduce relevant terms and models in cognitive rehabilitation, provide a framework for assessment and treatment, and discuss the functional impact of cognitive-communicative disorders on the patient and others. Prerequisites: CDIS 5336, CDIS 5342.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cognitive Rehabilitation in Traumatic Brain Injury

CDIS 5342. Aphasia and Related Disorders.
The course develops an understanding of the etiology, symptomatology, assessment, remediation, and recovery patterns of acquired communication disorders that result from impairment of the central nervous system, with a focus on the aphasias and traumatic brain injuries. Coexisting problems caused by damage to cortical/sub-cortical structures will also be addressed. Recent advances in relevant clinical research and technology will be surveyed. Prerequisite: CDIS 3312 or equivalent.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Aphasia and Related Disorders

CDIS 5344. Advanced Clinical Practicum.
Clinical practicum for graduate students focusing on assessment and remediation of communication disorders in children and adults. Required each semester enrolled. Repeated for credit but not counted toward graduate degree credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis.

3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
about Advanced Clinical Practicum

CDIS 5350. Multicultural Issues in Communication Disorders.
Addresses the social, cultural, and linguistic factors that impact the clinical service delivery provided to culturally and linguistically diverse populations. A primary focus of the course will be to address general principles of assessment and intervention as they relate to the clinical management of individuals with communication disorders from diverse cultural and language backgrounds.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Multicultural Issues in Communication Disorders

CDIS 5362. Introduction to Research in Communicative Disorders.
Designed to acquaint the student with research protocol in behavior science, with an emphasis in speech-language pathology. Topics include research design, data analysis, manuscript preparation, and obtaining external funding. Emphasis on critical analysis of professional literature.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to Research in Communicative Disorders

This introductory-level course will review assessment and intervention for language disorders in the birth-to-5 population. Use of assessment information to determine language disorders versus language difference will be addressed. Students will engage in detailed language sample analyses. Creating effective intervention plans using assessment data will be discussed.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Language Disorders in the Birth-to-5 Population

CDIS 5370. Aural Rehabilitation.
Principles and procedures in the habilitation and rehabilitation of hearing-impaired children and adults. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Prerequisite: CDIS 5420.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
about Aural Rehabilitation
CDIS 5380. Communication and Aging.
The influx of senior citizens in our population will require preparation for
the increased incidence of communication problems due to normal and
pathological aging processes. This course will address how aging affects
communication, how communication disorders manifest in the aging
population, and implications for professionals working with older adults.
This course is restricted to non-CDIS major graduate students.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Seminar in Communication Disorders
CDIS 5390. Seminar in Communication Disorders.
Examination of current theoretical and clinical issues in Communication
Disorders. Issues may include family management in communication
disorders, language and literacy, issues in health care rehabilitation,
instrumentation and entrepreneurship. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and permission of instructor and
graduate advisor.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Thesis
CDIS 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s initial thesis enrollment. No
thesis credit is awarded until the student has completed the thesis in
Communication Disorders 5399B. Graded on a credit (CR), progress
(PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Thesis
CDIS 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The
student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for
binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Thesis
CDIS 5420. Introduction to Audiology.
Relates anatomy and physiology of the auditory system and the science
of acoustics to the study of normal, pathological auditory function.
Laboratory experience in administration and interpretation of audiological
tests. Discussion of professional opportunities in the field of Audiology
and provision of audiological service to special populations. This course
does not earn graduate degree credit. Prerequisite: CDIS 5469.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
about Phonetics
CDIS 5459. Phonemics and Phonetics.
Analysis of normal and abnormal phonological processes in children and
adults. Proficiency in transcription using the alphabet of the International
Phonetic Association emphasized. This course does not earn graduate
degree credit.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
Leveling
about Phonemics and Phonetics
CDIS 5462. MP Remediation of Articulatory and Phonological
Disorders.
This course prepares students to manage articulation and phonological
disorders. Current therapeutic models are reviewed. Observation
of therapy and instruction in preparation of written clinical reports
are required. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
Prerequisites: CDIS 5325 and CDIS 5459.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
Leveling
about Phonemics and Phonetics
CDIS 5466. Clinical Management of Language Disorders.
Study of principles and procedures for the identification, description,
assessment, and remediation of language disorders in infants, children,
and adolescents. Students will observe demonstrations of assessment
procedures and types of language disorders within the context of clinical
procedures. Describing observed behaviors and analyzing language
samples are emphasized. This course does not earn graduate degree
credit. Prerequisite: CDIS 5330.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
Leveling
about Phonemics and Phonetics
CDIS 5469. Introduction to Hearing Science.
Study of acoustics, auditory physiology, and perception of sound.
Includes discussion of auditory sensitivity, signal detection,
psychoacoustic methods, perception of pitch and loudness, binaural
hearing, and speech perception. Associated laboratory promotes
reinforcement of concepts addressed in lecture through review, problem-
solving, and weekly assignments. This course does not earn graduate
degree credit.
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required
Leveling
about Introduction to Hearing Science
CDIS 5475. Speech Science.
Normal processes of speech production will be addressed from anatomic, physiologic, kinematic, aerodynamic, acoustic, and perceptual perspectives. Measurement and analysis techniques, instrumentation, and experimental paradigms used to study speech production and perception will be emphasized. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Prerequisites: CDIS 5325 and CDIS 5459.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Lab Required|Leveling
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CDIS 5689. Internship in Communication Disorders.
Laboratory and clinical practicum at selected therapeutic sites used to provide additional breadth to therapeutic experiences. Dependent on approval of faculty advisor. Repeated for credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 30 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling/Assistantships
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CDIS 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Health Professions (HP)

HP 5300. Teaching in the Health Professions.
This course is an introduction to curriculum, instruction, and assessment methods in teaching and covers topics related to instruction in lecture, laboratories, and clinical settings. This course is required for first year teaching assistants and graduate instructional assistants. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships