

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (CD) GRADUATE PROGRAM

(Master of Arts in Education Degree -- Speech-Language Pathology)

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Eastern Kentucky University
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Richmond, KY 40475
<http://www.cd.eku.edu>

GRADUATE ADVISING GUIDE (2016 Admissions)

Preprofessional undergraduate preparation is considered prerequisite to the advanced preparation in this field at the graduate level of study. This prerequisite preparation includes coursework in speech-language pathology and audiology, as well as supporting coursework in areas such as special education, psychology, linguistics, mathematics, statistics and the natural sciences. Transfer students should consult with their CD Program's graduate advisor to determine if any prerequisites will need to be completed. Prerequisite requirements are also posted on our web page.

After completion of this program, students are eligible to apply for the Kentucky Teacher Certificate with a Rank I endorsement, grades P-12, in Communication Disorders; the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology; and the Kentucky License in Speech-Language Pathology.

Advising. The graduate advisors (and other CD faculty) will meet with any student whenever requested, whether the need is academic or personal. However, if you do not inform us that an appointment is wanted, we may not be aware of your need to see us. To make an appointment, we may be contacted in several ways: stopping by or calling our office, seeing us after class, leaving a message in our mailbox in Wallace 245, leaving a note on our door, leaving a message by voice mail or email, or calling the Main Office at 622-4442. If you leave a message, provide your name, phone number, best time(s) to call you, and reason for the appointment.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

CD Graduate Admission Requirements and Procedures. To be eligible for admission into the graduate program in CD, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders. In order to be considered, the following minimum requirements must be met or exceeded: undergraduate GPA of 3.0 overall; and either 1) GRE Verbal score of 150, Quantitative score of 143, and Written score of 4.0 **OR** 2) GRE combined Verbal & Quantitative score of 285 plus the following passing scores for Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) test: Reading-156, Mathematics-150, Writing-162. Applicants must provide three letters of recommendation. Applicants must also provide an essay of approximately 500 words discussing personal and professional goals. Within the essay explain how critical thinking, creativity, positive communication, and professional collaboration will be used to reach the stated goals. (See the Graduate Admission Policy on the CD website for additional information.) In addition to these CD admission requirements, applicants must meet the general admission requirements of the Graduate School. The most qualified applicants will be admitted. The program may accept up to 30 new students each year. Admission to EKU's undergraduate program in CD does not guarantee acceptance into EKU's graduate program in CD. Apply online at www.gradschool.eku.edu. Application Deadline: February 15.

Degreeworks Report for the Master's Degree. The student must meet with her/his graduate advisor each semester to ensure progress toward meeting the exit requirements for the CD Program. Degreeworks formalizes the specific degree requirements for the student. Each student's Degreeworks can be accessed online. Read the "Program Planning" section in the Graduate catalog for further details.

GPA of 3.0 and Grade of "C". A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained throughout the student's enrollment in graduate study. A grade of "C" or higher is required for all graduate courses and prior to placement in any field-based practicum experiences. A student earning more than two "Cs", or one "D", or one "F" will result in dismissal from the program. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is required at the beginning of the semester in which a student wishes to

graduate. Students must apply for graduation prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to graduate.

Diagnostic & Treatment Clinical Clock Hours. Students must provide documentation of 25 clinical observation hours in order to complete 375 clinical clock hours before graduating. This meets the hours required for ASHA certification, KY licensure, and KY Teacher Certification in CD. Experiences for accruing clock hours in at least three different settings are offered through CDS 874 (EKU Clinic), CDS 897 (public school), and CDS 898 (medical-based externship). Up to 50 documented undergraduate clock hours may be counted toward the 375 total.

Clinical Practica Requirements. Students must purchase the Professional Liability Insurance policy offered by EKU prior to participation in practicum (CDS 874, 897, 898) and maintain this coverage throughout their enrollment. A TB test is also required annually prior to practicum experiences.

Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, and Cheating. Acquisition of knowledge and ethical behavior are equally important aspects in the student's development to become a professional in this field. Giving attention to both of these aspects is in the best interest of the student and in the best interest of the public to be served by that student upon graduation. Therefore, this Program supports EKU's policy on Academic Integrity as described in the University Handbook for Students (<http://studentaffairs.eku.edu/studenthandbook>). The Program also supports the concept of "co-responsibility" for anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty. The CD faculty will follow University procedures (see the Handbook) to impose sanctions for any student who participates in any form of academic dishonesty. Unethical behavior is not tolerated in CD or by EKU.

Class Attendance. Regular and punctual attendance is expected in all CD courses and practicum activities. Allowance is made for illness, emergency, and other excused absence. Notify the instructor in advance of an absence, if possible. Unexcused absences will jeopardize grades. Refer to the course syllabus for specific rules regarding attendance for a particular CD (or any other university) course.

Grievances or Complaints. The university policies and procedures for reporting of grievances or complaints can be found online: <http://studentaffairs.eku.edu/sites/studentaffairs.eku.edu/files/files/2012-13/complete.pdf#page=27>. In addition, complaints concerning the graduate program can be reported to the Council on Academic Accreditation for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at <http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/accredmanual/section8.htm>.

Admission to Professional Education. Upon enrollment in the CD Program, the student is also admitted to Professional Education. The student must contact the CD Graduate Coordinator prior to accepting admission to the CD program to determine requirements for admission to Professional Education. Refer to the CD Graduate website for requirements. Admission to Professional Ed must be completed before the first graduate course in CD may be taken and is a prerequisite for applying to student teach (CDS 897).

Comprehensive Examinations/Thesis Track. Students will complete one of the following requirements for the M.A. in CD: a Thesis or Written Comprehensive Examinations. Information about these tracks is provided in writing in the CD Program Comprehensive Examination/Thesis Requirements and Procedures.

PRAXIS. Prior to graduation, the student must have taken two tests in the Praxis series to obtain a KY teaching certificate in speech-language pathology. Praxis 5330, the Specialty Area in Speech-Language Pathology test, is required for ASHA certification and is usually completed in the Spring Semester of the Second Year of enrollment. Praxis 5354, the Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications test, should be completed after completing CDS 541/741. Both Praxis 5330 & Praxis 5354 are required for a KY teaching certificate in speech-language pathology. Visit this website: <http://tes.eku.edu/test-information> for information concerning test registration. Please note that the Praxis tests/scores will be changing this fall. Check ETS website for updated information.

Externship and Student Teaching Prerequisites. To be eligible to participate in either externship or student teaching, a student must demonstrate appropriate dispositions. Please refer to the Dispositions for Clinical and Educational Practice Rubric.

To be eligible to participate in an externship, CDS 898, students must have maintained a GPA of 3.0, have completed required coursework with a "C" or higher, and submitted an application and be interviewed by the Graduate Externship Coordinator, who approves the application for placement. Professional liability insurance is also required. An interview, site visit, and/or certain vaccinations also may be required by the externship facility before accepting the student. The application period is announced in the Spring Semester of First Year by the Graduate Externship Coordinator. Selected sites include hospitals, rehab centers, private practices, home health agencies, residential facilities, etc.

To be eligible to enroll in student teaching, CDS 897, students must complete all student teaching requirements (e.g., Professional Ed admission, advisor and Department Chair approval, coursework, medical exam, TB test) and all core courses as indicated on Degreeworks. Professional liability insurance is also required. See <http://tes.eku.edu/office-student-teaching> for further details concerning student teaching. The application process for student teaching is conducted online. Apply online during the announced application period in the Spring Semester of the First Year of enrollment if desiring to complete student teaching in the fall; apply in the Fall Semester of the Second Year if desiring to complete student teaching in the spring.

Career Development Office (Student Services Building) helps you to plan a job search, develop a resumé, prepare for interviews, etc. Take advantage of the excellent, award-winning services they offer!

<u>PROGRAM SEQUENCE</u>	<u>REQUIRED HOURS</u>
<u>First Year</u>	
<u>Summer</u>	
CDS 873 Advanced Artic & Phonology Dis., CDS 878 Diagnosis of Comm. Disorders, CDS 880 Research Methodology in Comm. Disorders, *Approved Elective (3 hours)	9-12
<u>Fall</u>	
CDS 867 Advanced Language Dis., CDS 874 Grad Practicum, CDS 875 Neurogenic Lang Dis., CDS 877 Advanced Fluency Dis.	12
<u>Spring</u>	
CDS 874 Grad Practicum, CDS 876 Advanced Voice Dis., CDS 879 Dysphagia, *Approved Elective (3 hours)	9-12
<u>Second Year</u>	
<u>Summer</u>	
CDS 720 Augmentative & Alternative Communication Systems, CDS 863 Motor Speech Dis., CDS 874 Grad Practicum, *Approved Elective (3 hours)	9-12
<u>Fall - Professional Semester I</u>	
CDS 870 Professional Issues in CD, CDS 898 Externship in CD <i>or</i> CDS 897 Student Teaching in Comm. Dis. (6 credit hours) *Approved Elective (3 hours)	9-12
<u>Spring - Professional Semester II</u>	
CDS 897 Student Teaching in Comm. Dis. <i>or</i> CDS 898 Externship in CD (6 credit hours) *Approved Elective (3 hours) or * CDS 899 Research Project/Thesis Option	6-9
Total Program Requirements (MA Degree + Rank I in CD)	63

***Approved Electives.** Regularly offered electives (9 hours required) include: CDS 725 Literate Language, CDS 730 Therapeutic Relationships in Comm Disorders, CDS 861 Comm Disorders in Atypical Populations, SED 801 Adv Early Childhood Assessment, SED 802 Adv Early Childhood Intervention Programming, CDS 885 Cognitive Rehabilitation. Other elective options may be from areas such as: CDF, EDF, EPY, NUR, OTS, PSY, SED, or other related field. CDS 899 Research Project/Thesis Option (3 hours) counts as only one elective regardless of the number of times taken.

I have received a copy of this advising sheet and its information has been explained to me by the person co-signing this statement.

Student: _____ Date: _____ Advisor: _____ Date: _____