



Arizona State University (Tempe campus)

Communication Disorders, MS

Study details

Course type: Master's degree

Degree: Communication Disorders, MS LACOMDISMS

Study mode: Full time

Duration: 20 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 43 526 USD

Reg. fee : 115 USD

Scholarship :

Insurance : 2 765 USD

Intake/s

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Requirements

Admission requirements

- Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.
- Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science or a related field from a regionally accredited institution and completed prerequisite coursework in speech and hearing.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. resume or curriculum vitae
4. personal statement, not to exceed 300 words
5. three references (academic or professional)
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency (TOEFL 80 (no band below 20) (IELTS 6.5 at least 6.0 in all skills)) regardless of their current residency.

Applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree in a related field are considered; however, these applicants must complete prerequisite coursework before admission. Courses include:

- Introduction to Phonetics (SHS 250)
- Anatomical and Physiological Bases of Speech (SHS 310)
- Hearing Science (SHS 311)
- Language Science (SHS 367)
- Speech Science (SHS 375)
- Introduction to Audiology (SHS 401)
- Clinical Methods and Treatment of Communication Disorders (SHS 402)
- Speech and Language Acquisition (SHS 465 or 565)
- Aural Rehabilitation (SHS 496 or 596) strongly recommended

Contact information for three references is required. References are contacted via email to submit a letter of recommendation and respond to a series of questions about the applicant. At least two references must be speech and hearing faculty; the third may be professional.

An interview may be required in person or via teleconference.

Accommodation

Provided by partner agencies;

On-campus housing and meals \$18,933

Additional information

Program description

Degree awarded: MS Communication Disorders

The MS program in communication disorders prepares students to become certified speech-language pathologists. This is a full-time residential program that can be completed in 20 months.

In the first year of the program, students take a series of courses to develop knowledge of and skills in assessment and intervention approaches for communication disorders across the life span. They also gain hands-on experience providing services to real-world clients in on-campus clinics, guided by clinical faculty educators.

In the second year, students take required and elective courses to further develop their knowledge in selected topic areas and to acquire additional clinical skills in supervised external placements in the community.

This program offers research and clinical opportunities in many diverse settings, including:

- early intervention programs and private practice clinics
- inpatient and outpatient medical sites
- public schools

A part-time employment program is available for speech-language pathology assistants in public schools. Those seeking specialized training can pursue a certificate in multilingual and multicultural services. Students interested in research have the opportunity to work in labs and complete a

master's thesis.

Students may have the option of completing some second-year courses via ASU Sync, with program approval. ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom, and classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real time with faculty and peers.

Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should plan to complete their second year courses in-person.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Formulate prevention, assessment and treatment options for clients with communication and swallowing disorders
- Function in their role as a speech-language pathologist including active utilization of interprofessional collaboration, interpersonal skills, counseling skills, supervision, advocacy for individuals who need services as well as the ability to act in accordance with the ethical, legal and philosophical principles of the speech-language pathology profession and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Generate recommendations for clients by synthesizing in-depth knowledge of communication and swallowing processes including etiologies, characteristics, anatomical, physiological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural correlates.
- Demonstrate skill-based competency in the evaluation and treatment of people across the lifespan with communication, speech, language, literacy, cognition, and swallowing difficulties.
- Evaluate evidence-based resources using scientific foundation principles to justify an approach to service provision as a speech-language pathologist.

Career opportunities

Speech-language pathologists evaluate speech, language, cognitive, hearing, feeding and swallowing functions, integrating medical history and background information to diagnose disorders and plan treatment. Graduates have many opportunities to work with culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Speech-language pathologists are in high demand. Employment rates are extremely high across all settings, including:

- all school levels, including elementary, middle and high school
- early intervention settings, including home health
- inpatient and acute care hospitals
- neonatal intensive care units
- outpatient rehabilitation
- pediatric outpatient centers
- private practice

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage.