COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

OVERVIEW

The Master of Science degree program in Communication Sciences and Disorders is designed to provide in-depth knowledge and skills in the areas required for a career in speech-language pathology. The course of study provides students with the academic background and clinical opportunities required in preparation for their Clinical Fellowship and ultimately the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP), allowing them to pursue a satisfying and rewarding career in health care, medicine, education, or research.

The master’s degree educational program in speech-language pathology at the University of Vermont has been re-accredited for the period 2012 - 2020 by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, MD, 20850; Phone: (800) 498-2071 or (301) 296-5700.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders includes the Eleanor M. Luse Center for Communication: Speech, Language, and Hearing. This is an active clinic providing speech-language and audiology services to the community. It also serves as a key practicum site for students throughout their graduate studies. All students are supervised by clinically certified members of the faculty of the Eleanor M. Luse Center and affiliated practicum sites.

The faculty does research in speech and language development and disorders. Many opportunities are available for graduate students who wish to become involved in faculty research projects. Our faculty members include:

- Adams, Elizabeth; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Au.D., CCC-A, A.T. Still University
- Baldwin, Tracey; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.A., CCC-SLP, University of Memphis
- Cote, Sharon; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Science and Disorders; M.S., CCC-SLP, Boston University
- Erwin-Davidson, Lisa; Lecturer, Department of Communication Science and Disorders; M.S., CCC-SLP, Pennsylvania State University
- Favro, Mary Alice; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.A., CCC-SLP, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Hutchins, Tiffany L.; Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ph.D., University of South Florida
- Morris, Hope; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.S., CCC-SLP, Towson University
- Potvin, Christine-Marie; Lecturer, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Doctorate, Rehabilitative Sciences, McGill University
- Smith, Dinah; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.A., CCC-A, Indiana University
- Velleman, Shelley L.; Professor & Chair, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ph.D., University of Texas Austin

DEGREES

- Communication Sciences and Disorders M.S.

FACULTY

- Cannizzaro, Michael S.; Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ph.D., University of Connecticut
- Guitar, Barry E.; Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin
- Prelock, Patricia A.; Professor, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Courses

- CSD 208. Cognition & Language. 3 Credits.
  Study of cognition and language in terms of mental representation models; contemporary models of memory, as well as capacity theories of language comprehension and production. Prerequisites: PSYC 109, PSYC 161 or Instructor permission.
- CSD 271. Introduction to Audiology. 3 Credits.
  Survey of hearing and the nature and causes of hearing impairment. Includes an orientation to assessment procedures and rationales, hearing screening and counseling considerations. Prerequisite: CSD 101.
- CSD 272. Hearing Rehabilitation. 3 Credits.
  Examination of the impact of hearing loss on development and its overall effects on communication. Survey of management considerations, sensory devices, speech reading, and auditory training. Prerequisite: CSD 271.
- CSD 274. D2: Culture of Disability. 3 Credits.
  Focus on theoretical questions of how societies understand disability and its consequences for social justice, by examining the biological, social, cultural, political, and economic determinants in the societal construction of disability. Prerequisite: Junior/Senior/Graduate standing. Cross-listed with: EDSP 274.
CSD 287. D2: Mindfulness & Helping Skills. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the students to key elements of mindfulness practice, basic listening and counseling skills, and how to apply them in work and life. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

CSD 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
Advanced Special Topics: Advanced courses of seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CSD 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Undergraduate only.

CSD 299. Autism Spec Dis: Assess & Interv. 3 Credits.
Assessment and intervention considerations in communication, social interaction and play, selection and use of evaluation tools, and implementation of intervention strategies for children with autism. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 311. Intrdsc Sem Neurodev Disabil I. 3 Credits.
Seminar exploring interdisciplinary process, collaborative teaching, cultural competence and family-centered care as they relate to children and families affected by neurodevelopmental and related disabilities. Pre/co-requisite: Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: EDSP 295, GRNU 296, PSYC 380, MVSR 381, SWSS 380.

CSD 312. Intrdsc Sem Neurodev Disabil 2. 3 Credits.
Seminar exploring interdisciplinary process, collaborative teaching, cultural competence and family-centered care as they relate to children and families affected by neurodevelopmental and related disabilities. Pre/co-requisite: Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: EDSP 295, GRNU 296, PSYC 380, MVSR 381, SWSS 380.

CSD 313. Augmentative Communication. 3 Credits.
An introduction to development and selection of augmentative/ alternative communication strategies and systems for persons with severe communication challenges. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 314. Collab Intervntn Schl Settings. 3 Credits.
Introduction to a transdisciplinary approach to collaborative, curriculum-based assessment and intervention for students with special needs in school settings. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 315. Early Lang & Communicatn Interv. 3 Credits.
Research in normal and disordered language, cognition, and social development is applied to interventions for children, birth to age 5, with language and communication problems. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 320. Clinic Preparation & Management. 3 Credits.
Principles of behavioral observation, analysis and modification as they apply to the assessment and remediation of communication disorders. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 321. Clinic Study 1. 1 Credit.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission. Concurrent enrollment or completion of CSD 320.

CSD 322. Clinic Study 2. 2 Credits.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission. Completion of CSD 320.

CSD 323. Clinic Study 3. 3 Credits.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 324. Clinic Study 4. 2 Credits.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 325. Clinic Study 5. 3 Credits.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 326. Clinic Study Winter Term 6. 1 Credit.
Supervised practicum experiences with children and adults presenting disorders of speech, hearing, and language. Pre/co-requisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission, CSD 320, CSD 321.

CSD 330. Assessment of Stuttering. 1 Credit.
Study of adult and child fluency disorders which focuses upon symptomatology, etiology, and diagnosis of people with stuttering disorder. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 331. Treatment of Stuttering. 2 Credits.
Study of adult and child fluency disorders which focuses on rehabilitation of people with stuttering disorder. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 340. Spch Snd Disorders in Children. 3 Credits.
Etiology, diagnosis, pathology, and habilitation and rehabilitation of articulation of speech. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 341. Language Disorders. 3 Credits.
Identification, evaluation, and rehabilitation procedures for children with language disabilities. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 342. Seminar Lang/Lrng Disabilities. 3 Credits.
CSD 350. Swallowing Disorders. 3 Credits.
Introduction to normal and disordered swallowing function across the life span including etiologies, signs/symptoms of dysphagia, diagnostic procedures and treatment within an interdisciplinary model. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.
CSD 351. Aphasia in Adults. 3 Credits.
Study of linguistic and cognitive impairments associated with stroke and other types of neuropathologies in the adult patient. Emphasis on rehabilitation strategies, principles, and procedures. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 352. Voice Disorders. 3 Credits.
Study of normal and abnormal laryngeal anatomy and physiology as they relate to diagnoses and treatment of a wide variety of vocal pathologies. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 353. Adult Neuropathologies. 3 Credits.
Etiology, pathology, diagnosis, and principles of rehabilitation of CNS pathologies affecting communication. Emphasis on motor speech disorders and cognitive consequences of traumatic brain injury. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 360. Rsch Methods Comm Disorders I. 3 Credits.
Empirical research methodology as applied to the study of normal and deficient speech, language, and hearing processes. Students analyze data statistically and write a research proposal. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 361. Research Methods II. 1 Credit.
Students will critically review the professional literature in preparation for carrying out a systemic review. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 362. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-6 Credits.

CSD 363. Non-thesis Research. 1-6 Credits.
Students complete a systematic review or research project under the direction of faculty. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 381. Advanced Readings. 1-3 Credits.
Readings, with conferences, intended to contribute to the programs of graduate students in phases of communication sciences and disorders for which formal courses are not available. Credit as arranged, up to three hours each semester. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.

CSD 382. Advanced Readings. 1-3 Credits.
Readings, with conferences, intended to contribute to the programs of graduate students in phases of communication sciences and disorders for which formal courses are not available. Credit as arranged, up to three hours each semester. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or Instructor permission.