



California University of Pennsylvania
School of Graduate Studies and Research
MASTER OF SCIENCE
Communication Disorders



CALU
Graduate Studies



specialized training in speech and language disorders

The Master of Science in Communication Disorders provides specialized training in all areas of communication disorders. Graduates are qualified to provide clinical services to individuals of all ages in a variety of settings including public and private schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, government agencies, and private practice. The University has excellent facilities including a large clinic and a Language & Learning Center located within the department, along with a technologically advanced Communication Science Laboratory. Our graduates have a 100% pass rate on the Praxis exam, as well as a 100% employment rate within a year of graduation. This academic program can be completed in five consecutive terms.

Applicants without a bachelor's degree in communication disorders will need to complete 36 credits of undergraduate prerequisite coursework prior to applying for admission to our graduate program.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

To recruit and retain a talented, diverse, and highly motivated student and faculty base.

To offer high quality graduate academic instruction in the specialized area of communication disorders.

To provide clinical field practice opportunities through contractual agreement with many diverse regional facilities in which high-quality speech-language diagnostic and therapeutic services are provided, including hospitals, clinics, homecare agencies, long term care facilities, schools, and physical rehabilitation centers.

To help meet the academic, clinical, consultative and employment needs of the region through faculty and successful graduates.

Graduate Programs with a Higher Degree of Character

Graduate programs at California University help people adapt to changes in their professional lives and position themselves for new professional and leadership opportunities. Our master's degrees and professional certificate programs are academically rigorous, and they build upon the rich work experiences that students bring to their studies.



Regardless of the degree program that you choose—either on campus or through Cal U Global Online, the University's mission of "Building Character, Building Careers" is a driving force in the curriculum. We look forward to receiving your application!

For complete course descriptions of all master's degree and professional certificate curriculums offered in a variety of academic disciplines at Cal U, visit www.calu.edu.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (face-to-face delivery with some online/distance elements)

Accreditation

- Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

> MASTER OF SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (59 CREDITS)

1ST TERM: FALL CREDITS

CMD 701	Language Disorders in Adults	3
CMD 702	Language Disorders in Children	3
CMD 708	Neurology	3
* CMD 711, CMD 713, or CMD 714	Clinical Practicum in Various Settings or	1-3
* CMD 712	Clinical Practicum in University Clinic	1-3

2ND TERM: SPRING

CMD 705	Voice Disorders	3
CMD 707	Articulation & Phonology	3
CMD 765	Dysphagia	3
* CMD 711, CMD 713 or CMD 714	Clinical Practicum in Various Settings	1-3
* CMD 712	Clinical Practicum in University Clinic	1-2

3RD TERM: SUMMER

CMD 703	Fluency Disorders	3
CMD 732	Counseling the Communicatively Disabled (or other elective)	3
CMD 785	Seminar in Speech Pathology	3
* CMD 711, CMD 713 or CMD 714	Clinical Practicum in Various Settings	1-3
* CMD 712	Clinical Practicum in University Clinic	1-3
CMD 715/716	Clinical Practicum at Externship Site	1-2
716	(Available to advanced students only)	

4TH TERM: FALL

CMD 600	Research & Professional Issues	3
CMD 718	Advanced Audiology for the SLP	3
CMD 715/716	Clinical Externship	3
	(Available to all students in good standing)	

5TH TERM: SPRING

CMD 766	Traumatic Brain Injury	3
CMD 772	Augmentative Communication	3
CMD 715/716	Clinical Externship	3
	(Available to all students in good standing)	
RES 829	Research Project	2
or RES 849	Master's Thesis	3-6

- * A student is required to take a total of 3 credits of clinical practicum each term.

Individuals who wish to work in school districts should see the Department website as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education website for additional requirements.

In terms 1, 2, and 3, students participate in extensive hands-on clinical experiences in the on-campus clinic and in the Language & Learning Center. In terms 4 and 5, students intern in two of 90 off-campus sites with which the department has contractual relationships. These sites include hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation clinics, and public and private schools.



PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

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ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 3.00 grade-point average (or higher) in baccalaureate degree verified with official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores
- 3-5 page personal essay
- Documented proof of 25 hours of observation in this profession (not necessary at time of application; can be completed at a later date)
- Graduate School Application and \$25 nonrefundable application fee

APPLICATION

Applications are available online at our website, www.calu.edu.

Official baccalaureate degree transcripts should be mailed to:

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Faculty teaching graduate courses in the Communication Disorders program include:

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