

M.S. Communication Sciences and Disorders with Speech Language Pathology Services Credential (CSD)

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CSD Admission Prerequisites

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS WITH SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES CREDENTIAL

The Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders program prepares students for clinical or supervisory positions in healthcare and education. It meets all the knowledge and skills required by the American Speech Language Hearing Associations (ASHA) and was granted accreditation in 2013 by the Council of Academic Accreditations of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Programs. Through skillful faculty leadership, mentoring and personalized instruction, students develop competency as speech-language pathologists prepared to assess and treat children and adults with mild to severe communication disorders and disabilities such as stuttering, hearing loss, deafness, cleft palate, articulation disorders, voice abnormalities, and neurologically-based speech, language and cognitive disorders from stroke, progressive neurological disease and traumatic brain injury.

Candidates learn to counsel spouses, families, siblings and educators on how to work with children and adults who use hearing aids, augmentative and alternative communication systems and other assistive technology to communicate.

The program is based on research, theory and field experience courses, 400 clinical clock hours of practicum, fieldwork and intern programs. Candidates provide assessment and treatment for persons with communication disorders from birth through adulthood during supervised on- and off-site clinical practicum. Candidates may be placed in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation agencies, private practice or schools for off-site practicum.

Graduates will be eligible for a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), a California Services credential in speech/language pathology and a California state license in speech language pathology.

Admission to the program and prerequisites

To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following:

1. Application to the Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders program, using the national CSDCAS form.
2. Undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders or the post baccalaureate equivalent (leveling courses).
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree granting institution.
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test scores taken within the last five years.
5. Three letters of recommendation, including one from an academic source, which describe the applicant's professional and academic abilities.
6. A personal essay that will be used to assess the applicant's writing skills, career commitment and professional goals.
7. After initial screening of the application materials, selected prospective students will be invited for an in-person interview with faculty.

Transfer of coursework

With department chair approval. Due to the cohort model used, transfers are not encouraged.

Public School Credential Program

Chapman University has been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to offer the Speech Language Pathology Services Credential within Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences in collaboration with the services of the Credential Analyst in the College of Educational Studies.

Title II Compliance

Chapman University, Crean College of Behavioral and Health Sciences complies with all federal government reporting requirements pursuant to Section 207 of the Higher Education Act passed by Congress in 1998. Please see our website www.chapman.edu/crean for complete information.