

POST-DEGREE LEVELING PROGRAM FOR MCD

Not a Communication Disorders undergraduate?

The MCD is a professional degree, required for state licensure and the Certificate of Clinical Competence. For students wishing to pursue the MCD, a pre-professional degree in communication disorders is strongly recommended. However, applicants with undergraduate degrees in majors other than speech-language pathology may make application to the MCD program upon meeting the requirements listed below, which include 35 credit hours of leveling coursework. Applicants must identify the specific year for which they are applying, and will be considered for admission only after indicating in writing that they understand admission for the targeted year is contingent on their provision of evidence (in the form of an official transcript) of having successfully completed all of the core specified leveling requirements. Such evidence must be received prior to the first day of class for the targeted year, if admitted. In the event documentation is not provided by that time, the admission decision will be considered null and void. The applicant may, however, re-apply for admission for a subsequent year. All equivalents/course substitutions must be approved by the CD Admissions and Credits Committee.

Students should be aware that admission to the MCD program is competitive and based on space available.

Completion of these leveling requirements does not imply or guarantee admission to the MCD.

The following courses must be completed prior to program screening and should be taken during the spring semester:

CD 2653 Introduction to Communication Disorders (*note screening requirements below*)

CD 2203 Phonetics (*note screening requirements below*)

CD 3003 Speech and Hearing Science

CD 3303 Normal Language Development

Upon completion of the above courses, post-degree students must complete Program Screening to qualify for continuation in the program.

Requirements for screening are:

- 2.75 or better overall GPA
- "C" or better in ENG 1003 (Composition I), ENG 1013 (Composition II)
- "C" or better in MATH 1023 (College Algebra)
- **3.2 or better** GPA for PSY 2013 (Introduction to Psychology), CHEM 1013, 1011 (General Chemistry) or PHYS 2034 (University Physics I), **CD2103, CD 3003, and CD2203 (course names listed above).** **Note: If students have taken BIO2203 and 2201 (Human Anatomy Lee/Lab), it will be calculated in the GPA as it is for CD majors. If they have not taken the course, the GPA will be calculated without the course.**
- Completed ten (10) clock-hours of documented, prescribed clinical observation with documentation
- Completed and passed a speech and hearing screening

Upon successfully qualifying, the remaining coursework should be completed in the next fall/ spring academic year:

(Fall) CD 2103 Anatomy & Physiology of Communication (*note screening requirements*)

(Fall) CD3503 Audiology

(Fall) CD3803 Service Delivery in Communication Disorders

(Fall) CD 4703 Articulation and Phonological Disorders

(Spring) CD4753 Clinic I (optional)

In the event that the leveling courses are not completed at ASU-Jonesboro, students wishing to apply for the MCD program must still meet screening requirements prior to being considered for admission.

Application materials for the MCD may be submitted during the spring semester after screening.

Deadline is February 1st, annually.