

# Master of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology

## INTRODUCTION

The Master of Arts program in Speech Pathology and Audiology prepares students to become speech-language pathologists. The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Completion of coursework and clinical practica fulfills the criteria for earning the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence and the speech-language pathology license granted by the State of Ohio Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Students also have the option of obtaining an Ohio Department of Education teaching license in speech-language pathology.

Graduates of the program are in demand in the workforce. *U.S. News and World Report* rates speech-language pathology among the top 25 professions for growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students obtain clinical experience in the program's accredited speech-language and hearing clinic and in field experiences at hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and schools. Graduates are prepared to become independent practitioners credentialed to

identify and treat communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults.



## RESEARCH

The program's faculty and professional staff are expert practitioners and researchers whose work is recognized in professional journals and at conferences. Many are engaged in clinical service at premier clinical facilities and bring their expertise as practitioners into the classroom. Graduate assistantships and faculty research grants allow students to participate in research, teaching, and clinical service delivery.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the program must hold a bachelor's degree in any field and must have completed these courses or their equivalents: Introduction to Communication Disorders, Introduction to Audiology, Phonetics, Speech and Language Development for

Majors, Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism, Clinical Methods in Communication Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation, and Speech and Hearing Science.

The Master's degree requires a minimum of 41 credits in courses that concern the nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of speech, language, hearing, and swallowing disorders, 400 hours of clinical practica, and either a comprehensive examination or a Master's thesis. Students must be available for day and evening classes and practica. While most students complete the program in five consecutive full-time semesters, some attend part-time.

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