TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MA

Communication Disorders

Form mentor relationships with professors and explore topics of individual interest through advanced clinical opportunities, research, internships, study abroad, and independent study.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Create a personalized plan of study to meet ASHA certification requirements and choose your location for medical and school internships.



STUDENT-FACULTY COLLABORATION



SPECIAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Council on Academic Accreditation
ACCREDITED | Speech-Language Pathology

ACCREDITED by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

WHY TRUMAN?

Students work face-to-face with clients in our on-site Speech and Hearing Clinic or through telehealth.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic serves over 1,000 clients per year. These services are of no cost to the client.

The Truman State University RiteCare Early Literacy Lab provides space for the remediation and prevention of literacy problems in children who are at risk.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Behavioral Science Component

- **CMDS 520 G - Interprofessional Healthcare Team Experiences** Credits: 1
- **CMDS 563 G - Swallowing Disorders** Credits: 3
- **CMDS 564 G - Voice Disorders** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 566 G - Diagnosis of Communication Disorders** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 568 G - Speech Sound Disorders** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 578 G - Augmentative & Alternative Communication** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 660 G - Fluency Disorders** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 661 G - Language Disorders in Early Childhood** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 662 G - Aphasia: Assessment and Treatment** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 663 G - Oro-facial Anomalies** Credits: 1
- **CMDS 669 G - Neurogenic Motor Speech Disorders** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 671 G - Advanced Clinical Audiology** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 684 G - Language Disorders in School-Aged Children** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 685 G - Acquired Cognitive-Linguistic Disorders** Credits: 2

The following courses may be taken to reach credits needed for the degree:

- **CMDS 550 G - Counseling in Communication Disorders** Credits: 3
- **CMDS 562 G - High Risk Infants** Credits: 3
- **CMDS 567 G - Neural Bases of Speech, Language, and Swallowing** Credits: 2
- **CMDS 680 G - Seminar: Speech Disorders** Credits: 1-3
  Some recent elective topics include dementia, head and neck cancer, medical SLP and autism

Education Component

- **CMDS 621 G - Psychology of Reading** Credits: 3
- This requirement must be met by all Communication Disorders Master's graduates from Truman. Normally, this requirement is met by completing ED 621G Psychology of Reading. However, students who can demonstrate mastery of this material through coursework completed at another university may, with the consent of their advisor, substitute these credits with electives.

Practicum Component

- **CMDS 681 G - Advanced Clinical Practice** Credits: 1-3 **(must be taken at least 3 times)**
- **CMDS 682 G - Internship in Hospital/Clinic** Credits: 4
- **CMDS 683 G - Internship in Public School** Credits: 4
- **Clinical Hours Requirement:** Students are required to complete a minimum of 400 clinical contact hours of which 325 must be completed at the graduate level. The curriculum is designed to qualify master's degree candidates for Missouri Licensure and the Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Typically, CMDS 681G is taken every semester the student is on campus.

Clinical Process Commentaries

- **CMDS 676 G - Clinical Process Commentary 1** Credits: 1-3
- **CMDS 677 G - Clinical Process Commentary 2** Credits: 1-3

The Clinical Process Commentaries (CPC) consists of a sequence of major projects that:

- Emphasize strong ties between the academic and clinical curricula.
- Provide opportunity for formative and summative evaluation.
- Provide opportunity for students to demonstrate depth of knowledge and expertise through both oral and written presentation.

The CPC is required at two (2) different times in the course of graduate study, usually the second semester (spring) and the last semester (fall) prior to internship. A total of 3 credits of CPC is required.

Research Component

- **CMDS 667 G - Research Methodology** Credits: 3

All graduate students complete a single-subject research project with a client they are assigned in the clinic.

Thesis Option: 6 Credits

- **CMDS 689G - Research in Communication Disorders (Thesis)** Credit(s): 1-6

To Apply:

Use the **CSDCAS application** at *https:/ /csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login* then search for **Truman**.

FOR STUDENT OUTCOME DATA, please visit: https://www.truman.edu/majors-programs/graduate-studies/communication-disorders/cmds-graduate-program-stats/

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