

University of Central Arkansas
Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders
Leveling Requirements for Applicants with an Undergraduate Degree in a field other than CSD

For students applying to the MS program in Communication Sciences and Disorders, an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders/Speech-Language Pathology is preferred. UCA does NOT offer a “post-baccalaureate program.” However, applicants with undergraduate degrees in majors other than CSD or Speech-Language Pathology may be allowed to enroll in CSD undergraduate courses in an effort to meet pre-requisites for application to the master’s program. All courses must be approved by the CSD departmental undergraduate advisor. ***Students should be aware that admission to the MS program in CSD is competitive and based on space available. Completion of these leveling requirements does not imply or guarantee admission to the master’s program.***

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course
CSD 2300 Introduction to CSD
CSD 2306 Neuroscience for Communication
CSD 2322 Phonetics
CSD 3301 Articulation & Phonological Disorders
CSD 3321 Language Acquisition & Literacy
CSD 3306 Anatomy & Physiology for CSD
CSD 3311 Fundamentals of Speech & Hearing Science
CSD 3320 Language Disorders in Children OR
CSD 4330 Neurogenic Communication Disorders
CSD 4311 Introduction to Audiology

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ **ASHA Requirements/Prerequisites** (must be completed with a grade of ‘C’ or better prior to admission to the MS program)
 - 1 Biology course, with lab (must be human or animal, e.g., Botany would not meet this requirement)
 - 1 Chemistry or Physics course, with lab
 - 1 Statistics course (must be a stand-alone class)
 - 1 Social Science course (psychology, sociology, anthropology, etc.)

- ✓ **Observation Hours:** If admitted to the UCA CSD Master’s Program, students who completed leveling courses *without a degree in CSD* will be required to take a one semester-credit-hour graduate course (CSD 6V13 *Special Topics: Observations*) during their first semester of graduate study to meet the 25 clock hours of observation required by ASHA. Observations may not be completed independent of this graduate course.

- ✓ Pre-requisite courses are not required to be taken at UCA. Several universities offer SLP leveling courses in a distance-learning format. We do not keep a current list of those universities, as they change often. Our best advice is to do an internet search for “speech-pathology leveling courses.” Please keep all syllabi from leveling courses taken at other universities as they might be needed to determine course equivalency.

- ✓ Non-CSD majors will not be enrolled in upper-division CSD courses until a first bachelor’s degree has been conferred.

To register for CSD leveling classes:

1. You must be admitted to the university in order to take classes at UCA. Visit the UCA Admissions webpage for students already holding a bachelor's degree. <http://uca.edu/admissions/apply/postbaccalaureate/>
2. Once you are admitted to the university, contact the departmental undergraduate advisor, Mrs. Pearlie Williams, via email at pwilliams@uca.edu before attempting to enroll in any CSD course.
3. All pre-requisite courses must be completed before beginning master's level coursework, but application can be made in the last semester of pre-requisite work.
4. For information regarding the application process for the CSD Graduate Program, go to <http://uca.edu/csd/programs-and-degrees/masters/>

Suggested Sequence of Leveling Courses

Fall (15 hours)

- _____ CSD 2300 Intro to CSD
- _____ CSD 2306 Neuroscience for CSD
- _____ CSD 2322 Applied Phonetics
- _____ CSD 3306 Anatomy & Physiology for CSD
- _____ CSD 3321 Language Acquisition

Spring (12 hours+)

- _____ CSD 3311 Speech & Hearing Science
- _____ CSD 3320 Language Disorders in Children
- _____ CSD 3301 Articulation & Phonology
- _____ CSD 4311 Audiology
- _____ other _____

ASHA deficiencies:

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the information provided to you regarding leveling courses in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Printed Student Name

UCA ID#

Student Signature

Date

CSD Departmental Advisor Signature

Date