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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The University of Central Arkansas (UCA) program for the **Master's (MS) in Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD)** is currently under review for reaccreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) (<https://caa.asha.org>). In accordance with the CAA's Public Comment policy and procedures, the CAA is seeking public comment as part of the review of the MS-CSD program.

During this public meeting, stakeholders are welcome to offer questions, comments, and other feedback regarding the accreditation status of the program.

WHEN: Monday, November 11, 2024, 3:30-4:15 pm

LOCATION: Integrated Health Sciences Building, Room #108
2200 Bruce Street
Conway, AR 72035

AND

Virtual Zoom meeting

VIRTUAL RSVP: In order to participate virtually, please RSVP by October 25, 2024, with your name, email address, and phone number to: csd@uca.edu. *RSVP is required to receive the Zoom link.*

If you would like to provide comments but are unable to attend this public meeting, written comments may be submitted until October 27, 2024 (15 days prior to the site visit). Please see the Policy on Written Comments below. A copy of the Standards for Accreditation and the CAA's Policy on Public Comment may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Office at ASHA (2220 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850), calling ASHA's Action Center (1-800-498-2071), or accessing the documents online) (<https://caa.asha.org/>).

Policy on Written Comments

In addition to providing written and/or oral comments at the public meeting, the community is also able to submit written comments no later than 15 days before the first day of the scheduled site visit (November 11 and 12, 2024). Please note that all comments provided must relate to a program's compliance with the published 2017 Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Standards) and must identify the specific program seeking candidacy, initial accreditation, or reaccreditation with the CAA. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered, and the individual or group commenting will be so notified by CAA. Comments must be submitted to the Accreditation Office no later than fifteen (15) days before the first day of the scheduled site visit (due by October 27, 2024). Comments received after this time will not be forwarded to the site visit team for consideration during the accreditation review. All written testimony, including comments submitted via fax or as an email attachment, must include the commenter's name, address, telephone number, and the commenter's relationship to the program in order for the Accreditation Office staff to verify the source of the testimony. All comments must be signed. Comments should be submitted to: Accreditation Public Comment, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2220 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850; accreditation@asha.org.