

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Curriculum Proposal Form #2
Change in Degree, Major, or Submajor

Effective Term: 2087 (Fall 2008)

Type of Action: Change in Major

Degree: MS

Program Title: Communicative Disorders

GPA Requirement for the Major/Submajor:

Sponsor(s): Scott Bradley

Department(s): Communication Sciences and Disorders

College(s): Education

Consultation took place: NA Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

Proposal Information:

(Procedures can be found at <http://acadaff.uww.edu/Handbook/Procedures-Form2.htm>)

Total number of credit units in program:

Before change

Academic: 33

Practicum: 30

Total: 63

After change

Academic: 27

Practicum: 27 *

Total: 54

* Students will continue to repeat practicum until students have 400 contact practicum hours and all practicum competencies are completed.

1. Exact description of request:

Summary: There are two changes...

1. Graduate program name change from Communicative Disorders to Communication Sciences and Disorders.
2. Change in required courses. COMDIS 709 and 764 will remain as options, but will not be required for the degree. Equivelant courses are now dual listed as undergrad/grad.

A. From (as listed in catalog and on AR)

Current Program Name: Communicative Disorders

To (as listed in catalog and on AR)

Proposed Program Name : Communication Sciences and Disorders

B. From (as listed in catalog and on AR)

Current List of Courses:

REQUIRED IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

1. SELECT 0-21 UNITS IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

COMDIS 580 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
COMDIS 624 ORGANIC SPEECH DISORDERS
COMDIS 626 NEUROGENIC COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
COMDIS 672 ASSESSMENT IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
COMDIS 681 LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN CHILDREN
COMDIS 682 AUDIOMETRY
COMDIS 683 AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

REQUIRED COURSES-33 UNITS

1. COMDIS 709 SEMINAR COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
2. COMDIS 710 PROFESSIONAL ISSUES & ENVIRONMENTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
3. COMDIS 711 THE DYSARTHRIAS
4. COMDIS 712 RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
5. COMDIS 713 LANGUAGE LEARNING DISORDERS
6. COMDIS 714 SUPERVISION IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
7. COMDIS 720 VOICE DISORDERS
8. COMDIS 722 NEUROGENIC LANGUAGE & IMPAIRMENTS IN ADULTS
9. COMDIS 724 AURAL REHABILITATION
10. COMDIS 730 SWALLOWING AND DYSPHAGIA
11. COMDIS 764 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN YOUNG CHILDREN

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

1. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS 660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

2. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS 660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
COMDIS 793 PRACTICUM: FIELD EXTERNSHIP SECTION 2

To (to be listed in catalog and on AR)

New List of Courses:

REQUIRED IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

1. SELECT **0-27** UNITS IF NOT TAKEN AS UNDERGRADUATE

COMDIS 577 DISORDERS OF SPEECH PRODUCTION

COMDIS 580 SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

COMDIS 585 FLUENCY DISORDERS

COMDIS 624 **COMMUNICATION DISORDERS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**

COMDIS 626 **NEURAL BASES OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE**

COMDIS 672 ASSESSMENT IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

COMDIS 681 LANGUAGE DISORDERS IN CHILDREN

COMDIS 682 AUDIOMETRY

COMDIS 683 AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

REQUIRED COURSES-27 UNITS

1. COMDIS 710 PROFESSIONAL ISSUES & ENVIRONMENTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

2. COMDIS 711 **MOTOR SPEECH DISORDERS**

3. COMDIS 712 RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

4. COMDIS 713 LANGUAGE AND LEARNING DISORDERS IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

5. COMDIS 714 SUPERVISION IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

6. COMDIS 720 VOICE DISORDERS

7. COMDIS 722 NEUROGENIC LANGUAGE & IMPAIRMENTS IN ADULTS

8. COMDIS 724 AURAL REHABILITATION

9. COMDIS 730 SWALLOWING AND DYSPHAGIA

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

1. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS 660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

2. SELECT FROM:

COMDIS 660 PRACTICUM IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

COMDIS 793 PRACTICUM: FIELD EXTERNSHIP SECTION 2

2. Relationship to mission and strategic plan of institution, and/or college and department goals and objectives:

The department's mission statement <http://academics.uww.edu/commdis/about/mission.htm> ., assessment plan and curriculum aligns with the strategic plan of the institution and the college of education. UW-Whitewater has the select mission to “provide a range of undergraduate programs and degrees, including interdisciplinary programs, in letters, sciences, and the arts, as well as programs and degrees leading to **professional specialization**, and to “offer graduate education built clearly upon its undergraduate emphases, and strengths with particular emphasis in the fields of business, **education**, communication, and human services.” The university's strategic plan includes “**graduate degree programs derived from strong undergraduate majors within the institution**” as a defining characteristic of one of its top priorities,

The graduate program in Communicative Sciences and Disorders is a well-defined continuation and advancement of the university's strong undergraduate major in Communicative Sciences and Disorders. The

admission rate for UW-W applicants remains steady and is balanced within the allocated resources and market demand. Over the past five years 38% of the matriculates in the master's degree program were UW-W undergraduate majors in Communicative Sciences and Disorders. During this same time period 63% of the UW-W undergraduates were accepted into other accredited graduate schools.

The employment rate for UW-W graduates is 100% and the passage rate for the National Exam in Speech Pathology Audiology (NESPA) for the past five consecutive years has been 100% on the initial attempt, with UW-W graduates consistently scoring above the national median score.

3. Rationale:

To continue to provide a strong undergraduate curriculum and a vibrant graduate program the department has identified necessary improvements and redesigned the curriculum as part of its strategic plan (2006-2008). Redesigning the curriculum with an implementation date of Fall, 2008 will facilitate continued student success and will maintain compliance with accreditation standards. The redesign will facilitate an early admission to the graduate curriculum for UW-W undergraduates who meet the department criteria, saving the student time and money to complete the graduate degree.

4. Cost Implications: None.