

The Intercampus Program in Communicative Disorders

Requirements for the Ph.D. Programs in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

General Requirements

The Ph.D. program in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology offers post baccalaureate study of normal and disordered aspects of communication. The student must have an acceptable bachelor's degree for admission to this program. One may concentrate work in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, and is expected to have met the requirements for the Master of Arts degree or take equivalent work as part of the Ph.D. program.

Course Requirements

Minimum course requirements for both the Ph.D. program in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology are listed below:

- A minimum of 40 graduate hours in a major area of interest, which may include hours accumulated toward a masters degree
- 15 graduate hours in research methods
- A minimum of 12 graduate hours in a correlative area
- Satisfactory performance on written and oral preliminary examinations encompassing the student's emphasis (major) area and research skills
- A minimum of 10 hours of dissertation (SPLH 999)

Preliminary Research Requirements for the Doctoral Student

The graduate catalog of the University of Kansas states, "The degree of doctor of philosophy is the highest degree offered by the University. It is awarded for mastering a field of scholarship, for learning the methods of investigation appropriate to that field, and for completing a substantial piece of original research."

The faculty of the Intercampus Program requires each doctoral student to demonstrate some research experience beyond academic course work prior to the written comprehensive examination (preferably as soon as possible after entrance into the program). Demonstration of such experience can be made in any of the following ways:

- Attainment of a master's degree with a data-oriented project relevant to the profession. "Data-oriented" implies data obtained through the control, manipulation, and measurement of variables by the researcher
- Publication history in refereed journals
- Preparation of a scholarly paper that is evaluated by three members of the Intercampus graduate faculty including the student's academic advisor, a faculty member familiar with the student's area of research and a faculty member remote from the specialization area of the paper. The paper will be prepared in conformance with the style and form used in journals appropriate to the profession of speech-language pathology and audiology. The student and the advisor will agree upon the particular style and form. Topics of the student's own choosing may be used upon approval of a faculty member who specializes in the particular area. It is expected that this faculty member would supervise the student in the research. The paper should represent a critical evaluation of the

material that the student has examined and integration of the research findings into a statement concerning the status of present knowledge about the subject. The paper should clearly indicate what facts are reasonably well established, what concepts can be regarded as tentative and what ideas or concepts are hypotheses without adequate verification. Finally, the paper should suggest the direction along which further research might proceed. The student is expected to extend any existing bibliography on the subject and to make his research as extensive as time and talent of subject matter permits.

Failure to fulfill the required research experience will result in counseling of the student away from the Ph.D. program. No student may begin the written comprehensive examination until this requirement has been satisfied.

Additional requirements for the degree

- Following completion of the coursework, the student will take a preliminary written examination.
- A comprehensive oral examination following the passing of the written examination will be scheduled, according to the regulations of the Graduate School.
- A colloquium presentation of the dissertation proposed will be given before the candidate's committee approves the dissertation prospectus.
- A final oral examination will be held after the committee has tentatively accepted the dissertation.