Alabama A&M University

Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) Program
CSD ACADEMICS
Program Description

• The Program offers the Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, and is nationally accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). AAMU is one of only eight Historically Black Institutions which offers a nationally accredited program in speech-language pathology.
Program Description

This degree program contains both academic and clinical components. It is a two year program if students have an undergraduate degree in CSD, and a three year program if the undergraduate degree is in another area.
CSD Graduate Admission Requirements

• There are a limited number of positions available in the Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) Program.
• Admission to the CSD graduate program is competitive.
• All applications for admission are reviewed by the CSD Program Faculty and the Graduate Faculty Admissions Committee.
• It should be noted that not every student whose credentials meet stated quantitative standards will be admitted.
Admission and Notification of Admission

• Application Deadlines
• Fall - April 15
• Spring - October 15
• NOTE: CSD deadlines are different than the published Graduate School deadlines
Requirements

• Students must first meet all requirements for admission to the School of Graduate Studies plus the following criteria:

• An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 grading scale).

• Graduate Records Examination (GRE) minimum score of 146 (400) on the Verbal portion and 140 (400) on the Quantitative portion is required.

• Prospective graduate students applying whose first language is not English require a minimum score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), or 100 (Internet-based) within two years prior to application. The TOEFL scores must be on file in the Graduate School prior to receipt of the application for graduate study.
# Program Data

## Employment Rate

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

• Median salary: $66,000/year - $32.17 per hour
• AAMU graduates are starting out at $70,000 w/$5000 sign-on bonuses
• Voted “all-around best job in America”
• Named as the “top job for working parents”
• Ranked as one of the “best jobs for saving the world”
• Employment rate is expected to grow faster than for the average for all occupations
• We work in a variety of settings and serve patients across the life span in hospitals, private practice, schools, and skilled nursing facilities.
• AAMU’s CSD program is fully accredited and boasts 100% job placement.

Sources: CNNMoney.com, Payscale.com, Money, & U.S. Department of Labor
CSD FACULTY

Academic and Clinical
Jennifer Vinson, Ed. D., CCC/SLP.,
Professor, CSD Program Director

ASHA's State Liaison for Alabama
Hope Reed, SLP.D., CCC/SLP
Director, Orofacial Myology Clinic

Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama’s (SHAA’s) Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award
The only certified orofacial myologist (C.O.M.) in Alabama. Dr. Reed holds the distinction of operating the world’s first university-based orofacial myology clinic.
Barbara Bush, AUD, CCC/A
Associate Professor Audiology
ASHA Audiology Advisory Council
Carol Deakin, PhD., CCC/SLP, Associate Professor

Director, Neurogenic Disorders/TBI Clinic
Esther Phillips-Ross, MA. CCC/SLP
Clinical Director/Assistant Professor
Barbara Cady, PhD., CCC/SLP. Professor
Voice, Fluency and Fluency Disorders, Cleft Palate
Annual Student Research Forum
QUESTIONS?

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