

The Need to Communicate

Most of us take it for granted, but communication is a struggle for many. Speech-language pathologists work with the full range of human communication and its disorders.

Speech-language pathologists are professionals who “engage in clinical services, prevention, advocacy, education, administration and research in the areas of communication and swallowing across the life span from infancy through geriatrics.” (Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology, ASHA, 2007, p.2*).

The Master of Health Science (MHS) in Communication Disorders

The MHS is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess and treat people with communication and swallowing disorders. Our program was the first, and now is one of only a few accredited speech-language pathology programs in the nation that requires students to obtain all their clinical experience in actual work settings outside the university. A network of more than 150 sites in the region provides students with diverse clinical experiences. Our program ensures that each student is exposed to a variety of clinical settings (e.g., school, hospital), client/patient populations and age groups.

Competitive Admission

Admission to the MHS program is competitive. This program accepts a limited number of applicants and generally admits students only for the fall semester.

How to Apply

Application to the graduate program in Communication Disorders at Governors State University is made through a centralized application service: Central Application Service for Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDCAS). This is a state-of-the-art, web-based application that offers applicants a convenient way to apply to multiple graduate programs in communication disorders by completing one single application. To apply to our program, you should access CSDCAS at www.csdcas.org.

For more information about the Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders degree program, please call the Department of Communication Disorders at 708.534.4590, or visit www.govst.edu/chhs/dcd

*American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2007). Scope of Practice in Speech-Language Pathology [Scope of Practice]. Available from www.asha.org/policy.

FACT

Employment of speech-language pathologists is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. As the large baby-boom population grows older, there will be more instances of health conditions that cause speech or language impairments, such as strokes and hearing loss. *Source: U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Outlook Handbook: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

