Deaf Education, M.A.

DEPARTMENT

BA in Communicative Disorders - Audiology Option, B.A.
BA in Communicative Disorders - Speech Pathology Option, B.A.
MN in Communicative Disorders, Minor
MA in Speech-Language Pathology, M.A.
MA in Deaf Education, M.A.
BA in Deaf Studies - Deaf Education Option, B.A.
BA in Deaf Studies - Deaf Studies Option, B.A.
BA in Deaf Studies - Sign Language Interpretation Option, B.A.
CRED in Special Education Mod/Sev Disab Internship
CRED in Education Specialist Deaf & Hard of Hearing - Clear Credential
CRED in Education Specialist Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Preliminary Credential
CRED in Speech-Language Pathology Services - Preliminary, Credential

REQUIREMENTS

Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies

Master of Arts Degree Requirements Deaf Education

The Deaf Education Master of Arts degree is considered essential for the professional training needed for effective practice in deaf education or speech-language pathology. The Master of Arts degree generally involves two years of full-time study.

Admission Requirements

The graduate program is open to students with Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies or related bachelor's degrees who have demonstrated the ability to excel at an advanced level as well as indicated great potential for success in academic work and clinical work. In order to be considered for admission to the graduate program, the applicant needs to submit the following: (1) transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 units of any coursework and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in CSDS coursework; (2) three letters of recommendation; (3) a letter of intent; and (4) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

Consideration for admission may include but will not be limited to the following: (1) students with outstanding clinical potential, (2) students with disabilities, and (3) students with multicultural or bilingual experience.

Applicants who have specific deficiencies or need coursework may be accepted with conditionally classified status. Students must apply to the department for fully classified graduate standing as soon as any conditions of acceptance have been met. No more than 10 units of graduate work taken under conditional classification can be used to meet the requirements of the Master of Arts degree.

Admission Procedures

To apply for graduate study in the Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies, you need to apply to the university and to the department. Our deadlines for application may differ from those published by the University; contact the department office at 559.278.2423 for the current application deadlines.

Step 1. Apply to the University

For more information about applying to a graduate program at the university, please visit the Graduate Admissions page. There is a list of helpful links that may answer questions you may have.

a. Submit your application online via CSU Apply.
b. Submit one copy of the official transcript to the university. Information about submitting your transcripts to the university can be found on the Transcripts Requirement page.
c. Submit one copy of GRE scores to Fresno State Graduate Admissions. The school code is 4312. (These scores will go directly to the university and not the Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies Department.) For more information about the GRE, go to http://www.ets.org/gre for their home page.

Step 2. Apply to the Department
After applying to the university you will be directed to the department application forms. Send a single envelope with a completed packet that includes the following:

a. Department application
b. Three letters of recommendation addressed to the department (each in a sealed envelope signed by the person writing the recommendation over the seal)
c. Letter of intent addressed to the department

Please mail your packet to:

Graduate Coordinator
Dept. Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies
California State University, Fresno
5310 N. Campus Drive, MS PH80
Fresno, California 93740-8019

**Advancement to Candidacy**

Each student in a Master of Arts degree program must file for advancement to candidacy. See Admissions and Master of Arts Degree Programs, Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

**Graduate-Level Writing Competence**

California State University, Fresno requires that students have graduate-level writing abilities before being advanced to candidacy for the Master of Arts degree. Students can demonstrate these abilities by passing the writing component of CSDS 203 and obtaining written clearance from the instructor. If GWR clearance is denied, students may appeal to the course instructor. Please see the CSDS Graduate Handbook for more information.

**Statistics**

Any 3-unit, one semester statistics course (lower division, upper division, or graduate level) is required to complete the Master of Arts in Deaf Education. Students are encouraged to take the course during their senior year. Exceptions may be made with the consent of their faculty advisor.

**Grade Requirements**

To be eligible to receive the Master of Arts degree, a student must have maintained a B average with no more than two C grades on the approved Program of Study. Once a student has received three Cs at any point in the graduate program, he or she will automatically be disqualified from the graduate program.

**Program Requirements**

- CSDS 201, CSDS 203, CSDS 206, CSDS 255, CSDS 262, CSDS 263, CSDS 264, CSDS 271, CSDS 272, CSDS 273 (30 units)
- Culminating Experience - Thesis or project (6 units)
- Comprehensive Examination

**Total (36 units)**

**Student Teaching and Internship**

Students are required to take their final student teaching and internship (e.g. CSDS 258 and 268) during the last two semesters of their approved Program of Study and within the last 12 units of graduate coursework. Earlier final student teaching and internships are not permitted in the Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies Department.

**Culminating Experience**

A culminating experience is required of all California State University, Fresno students earning Master of Arts degrees. This requirement is accomplished by completing a thesis, project, or comprehensive written exam.

**Certification by Council on Education of the Deaf and Education Specialist: DHH Credential**

In addition to the requirements for the Master of Arts degree, students will have clinical experiences. CSDS 260 (3 units), CSDS 258 (6 units), CSDS 268 (6 units).

For students specializing in deaf education, completion of the master's degree fulfills all the academic and clinical practicum requirements for Provisional Certification by the Council on Education of the Deaf, the national organization responsible for certifying teachers of the deaf. Professional level certification is available following three years of successful teaching under
the supervision of a professionally certified educator of deaf and hard-of-hearing children. All students are encouraged to acquire national certification.

**FACULTY**

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.