Communication Disorders and Sciences (PhD)

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The doctoral degree (PhD) in communication disorders and sciences emphasizes advanced knowledge, scholarship, leadership, and clinical competence in the areas of speech-language acquisition, speech-language pathology, and assessment and intervention strategies. The doctoral degree program is designed to meet the needs of students from various backgrounds and to train future scholars in the profession.

Application and Admission

Students should have a GPA of at least 3.50. Most applicants have a master's degree and their certificate of clinical competence upon admission.

Applications for admission are available online at the Communication Disorders and Sciences website. Application materials should be received by January 15 for entry the following September.

Prior to submitting an application, an applicant should have contact with a UO faculty member in the desired area of specialization and have identified a potential doctoral mentor. Upon admission and in consultation with the student, an academic advisor is selected, taking into account the student's personal and professional goals. This advisor chairs the student's program committee.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate competence in scholarly, scientific writing by the end of their second year of study.
- Demonstrate competence, including cultural competence, in designing and implementing a research study by the end of their fourth year of study.
- Demonstrate competence in conducting teaching in an inclusive and culturally responsive manner by the end of their fourth year of study.

Options for primary area of specialization include child and adolescent language, early language, swallowing, cognitive rehabilitation, and multicultural issues. The collateral or secondary area may involve courses in more than one academic department. Examples of collateral areas are neuropsychology, linguistics, or developmental psychology. Doctoral students must choose an area of research interest (e.g., single-subject or quantitative methodologies). Other requirements are detailed in the *Doctoral Program Handbook*, available through the program office.