Post-Baccalaureate Program in Communication Disorders

The Communication Disorders post-baccalaureate program is designed as an avenue to graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology for individuals with a bachelor’s degree in a different discipline.

This is a rigorous program, which requires a minimum of 35 hours of prerequisite coursework, usually completed in 2 semesters. In order to complete this work in a timely fashion, students must take responsibility for their own learning since they will be taking courses and course prerequisites at the same time. They must also take responsibility for seeking faculty assistance when it is needed.

This coursework, along with completion of the master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology, national examination and post-graduate professional experience prepares students for the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and Kentucky Licensure in Speech-Language Pathology. For students wishing to seek public school certification in Kentucky, additional coursework will probably be required. Some of this education coursework is available in the summer, and it is recommended that you complete this prior to entering the CDI program. Your advisor will work with you to examine your transcripts in order to determine which courses need to be completed.

Entrance into graduate school in Speech-Language Pathology is very competitive. Students who complete the post-graduate program are not guaranteed admission, but must compete with the pool of applicants in the spring prior to completion of the post baccalaureate program. Students who completed a bachelor’s degree with less than a 3.25 Grade Point Average might have difficulty being admitted. It is important that you discuss this with a CDI advisor prior to beginning the program.

To enter this program you must complete the Application for Admission to Post-Baccalaureate Studies in the Communication Disorders Program. Once you have completed this application you will be contacted by an advisor who will meet with you to plan your program. The application must be completed by July 15 for fall entry.