Communication Disorders in Multilingual/Multicultural Populations (Graduate Certificate)

Broaden your education with a certificate that offers culturally and linguistically diverse experiences in a critically important area for future speech-language pathology professionals.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Communication Disorders in Multilingual/Multicultural Populations (certificate)
Designed for students in the master's degree program in communication disorders, this specialized certificate program provides expanded coursework in issues related to culturally and linguistically diverse populations. In addition to enhanced academic courses, this program offers clinical experience in community-based settings and engagement in community-centered, interprofessional projects.

Students who complete the certificate program have the knowledge and practical experience to effectively address the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse adults, children and families. Knowledge of another language is not required.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
- Location: Tempe

Degree Requirements
17 credit hours including the required applied project course (SHS 593)

**Required Core (10 credit hours)**
- SHS 524 Counseling in Communication Disorders (2)
- SHS 570 Communication Disorders and Multicultural Populations (2)
- SHS 586 Language Essentials for Teaching Reading (2)
- SHS 588 Bilingual Language Acquisition (2)
- SHS 597 Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology (2)

**Other Requirement (5 credit hours)**
- SHS 584 Clinical Internship (5)

**Culminating Experience (2 credit hours)**
- SHS 593 Applied Project (2)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
The culminating experience is an applied, community-based project that builds depth of knowledge that results in a paper that students must present to the academic unit.

As part of the certificate requirements, students also must complete an online module on parent training with culturally and linguistically appropriate techniques.

Students who wish to obtain a bilingual endorsement must complete the Arizona Classroom Teacher Spanish Proficiency Examination administered by the School of International Letters and Cultures.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the certificate program if they are enrolled in the MS program in communication disorders at ASU.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. Graduate admission application and application fee
2. Official transcripts
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. Letter of intent or written statement
5. Proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Candidates who have undergraduate deficiencies may need to take required prerequisite courses.

Tuition Information
When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Program Learning Outcomes
Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Adapt communication, assessment, and treatment to meet the cultural and linguistic diversity of the clients they serve.
- Practice as a speech language pathology clinician and evaluate appropriate resources, including mentorship, in settings that have culturally and linguistically diverse populations.
- Use evidence-based practices to serve children who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

Career Opportunities
Employers in many settings value professionals who are equipped to work with diverse populations. Students can advance their career options as a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist with this certificate that demonstrates that they have undertaken the specialized training required for working with clients who have diverse linguistic or cultural backgrounds.

Professional Licensure
ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage.

Contact Information