Master of Science in
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
(MSCD)

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Speech-language pathology is a healthcare and education-based profession committed to improving the function of communication and swallowing. Speech-language pathologists can choose from a variety of work settings including schools, hospitals, sub-acute facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home-healthcare, research settings, and private practice.

The mission of the Master of Science in Communication Disorders Program is to prepare students for an earned Master’s degree so they may obtain licensure and certification in speech-language pathology. The program will have students contribute to scholarly work in the discipline, provide opportunities for continuing education, and offer direct services to the surrounding community.

The Master of Science in Communication Disorders is a professional program. The length of the program is 2.5 years inclusive of two summer sessions. Students have the opportunity to experience a variety of clinical settings with the added bonus of having an on-site speech and hearing clinic.

Additionally, Stockton offers a Communication Disorders Preparation Program. This program is designed to provide an option for students who already hold a bachelor’s degree in a field other than Speech–Language Pathology or Communication Disorders. This unique bridge program builds on the baccalaureate degree and allows students to meet the prerequisites to apply to a graduate program in communication disorders. Note: This program is not equivalent to a New Jersey Department of Education Certificate as a Speech-Language Specialist.

Master of Science in Communication Disorders Programs (MSCD) at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has a curriculum designed to prepare program graduates for certification as speech-language pathologists by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), New Jersey licensure and for certification as Speech-Language Specialists in the New Jersey Public Schools. The program requires completion of 60 graduate credits. Both a thesis and a non-thesis option are available.

All Master’s degree candidates must complete 400 clinical hours of supervised clinical experience. Of these 400 hours, 25 must be in supervised observation. Per ASHA certification requirements, at least 325 of the 400 clinical hours must be completed at the graduate level. Students will receive clinical experience both on campus in the Speech and Hearing Clinic and off campus in various clinical placements. Students will be able to graduate having had a variety of clinical experiences. Students must enroll full-time in the MSCD Program. The requirements are demanding but the outcome is rewarding.
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Prospective students apply through the Graduate Admissions Office. Applicants must complete all program prerequisites and have a baccalaureate degree prior to starting the program. Applications are screened by the Program Committee. A complete application file requires the following:

• Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
• Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. A GPA of 3.5 or higher is considered competitive.
• Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better by the end of the summer semester of the academic year in which the applicant applies for admission. The Stockton course acronyms that correspond with the required prerequisite courses are provided for Stockton students.
  • Phonetics (HLTH 1104 or CMDS 5101)
  • Hearing Science (HLTH 1105 or CMDS 5102)
  • Speech Science (HLTH 1106 or CMDS 5103)
  • Language Development (HLTH 2115 or CMDS 5115)
  • Introduction to Communication Disorders (HLTH 2119 or CMDS 5119)
  • Biology (BIOL 1200, HLTH 2221)
• Statistics
• Physical Science (A course dealing primarily with the principles of physics, chemistry, astronomy, or geology).
• Social Science such as Psychology or Sociology.
• Three letters of recommendation.
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Official GRE scores must be submitted to CDCAS using school code 3872. Scores at or above the 50th percentile in the Verbal and Quantitative sections will be considered competitive. Students who have a Masters degree from an accredited institution do not need to provide GRE scores.
• Students must meet the “Technical Standards and Essential Functions” requirements for participation in Stockton’s MSCD Program. These functions can be reviewed online at www.stockton.edu/grad and click on the MSCD program page.

The Master of Science in Communication Disorders Programs (MSCD) at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This is a “pre-accreditation” status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of five years.

Please visit www.stockton.edu/grad for more information about the MSCD program.
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Please visit our website for more details about Open Houses and Information Sessions, including event dates and how to R.S.V.P.

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