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ONE OF THE MOST ESTABLISHED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES

For more than four decades, the Speech-Language Pathology Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has combined classroom learning with superior clinical training to build the foundation for successful careers. This accredited* program prepares students for professional positions through experience at a wide variety of area institutions.

Students earn their Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders while benefitting from rich academic and clinical experiences led by highly experienced faculty.

Specialize in the Prevention, Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment of Communication and Swallowing Disorders

As a Speech-Language Pathologist, you will:
- Collaborate with audiologists and other professionals to determine the sources of communication problems and coordinate rehabilitation programs.
- Assist patients affected by autism, stroke, brain injury, hearing loss, developmental delay, cleft palate, cerebral palsy or emotional issues.
- Diagnose and treat a variety of patients and clients with speech, language, voice, literacy and fluency disorders.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to practice in all areas of speech-language pathology, with flexibility to work in a variety of specialties and settings.

Outstanding Training + Exceptional Resources = Successful Students

- Affiliations with Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and numerous clinical sites in central Arkansas provide students with the best possible clinical experiences.
- Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for certification through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- High impact experiences such as service-learning and interprofessional education opportunities are woven into the fabric of our curriculum.
- A well-structured curriculum, a research requirement and a capstone examination prepare students for successful completion of the national Praxis examination; the pass rate is 100 percent.
- Students enjoy access to numerous resources, including high-quality facilities, university services, scholarships and intramural grant opportunities.

Graduates are Posed for Promising Careers in Speech-Language Pathology

- Speech-Language Pathology job opportunities are expected to grow significantly according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Graduates can work in diverse settings, such as school systems, private practices, rehabilitation centers, day care centers and residential institutions.
- Factors such as increased caseload diversity and advances in medical prevention, assessment and intervention contribute to the growing need for this profession.
- Early identification and diagnosis of speech, language and swallowing disorders is also fueling the demand for speech-language pathologists.
- Increased survival rates among premature infants as well as trauma and stroke victims require greater specialty care.
- According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), trends suggest increasing work opportunities in school-based, bilingual, private-practice and corporate settings.

Master of Science (M.S.) in Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Students are eligible to take national examinations required for licensure and/or certification. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to the Arkansas of Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology for a license to practice speech-language pathology in the state. Graduates will also be eligible to apply for national certification.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Communication Sciences and Disorders

- This research based program prepares graduates for careers as faculty members and scientists at institutions of higher education.