AN M.S. IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS IS YOUR FIRST STEP TO A MEANINGFUL AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Careers in speech/language pathology are on the rise, with jobs expected to grow by 19 percent through 2022.* The graduate program in Communication Disorders at Mercy College prepares students to meet those increasing job needs and practice professional speech-language pathology by providing a challenging and rewarding curriculum with real-world experiences.

We incorporate clinical education into the curriculum, expose students to real-world settings and include experiences both at the on-site Speech and Hearing Center and in over 150 metropolitan area facilities. Students evaluate and treat people of varying ages and cultural/linguistic backgrounds who display a variety of communication disorders.

*CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
- SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENTIST
- LANGUAGE RESEARCHER
- NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH SPEECH-LANGUAGE DISABILITIES (TSSLD)*

*This certification requires a master’s degree in communication disorders, additional coursework in education classes, attendance at workshops and completion of a student teaching experience prior to the application to the New York State Education Department.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS
- 59-credit program, which can be completed in two years and one summer for full-time students
- Faculty of speech-language pathologists and audiologists who are active in the field and nationally recognized for their expertise
- All faculty supervise practicum in the on-site Speech and Hearing Center
- Graduates have had a 100 percent pass rate on the National Certification Exam (Praxis) for the past three years
- Program is housed at our main campus in Dobbs Ferry

ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher
- A completed application for admission with a nonrefundable fee. Apply through the Communication Science Disorders Central Application Service (CSDCAS), https://portal.csdcas.org
- Applicants will be selected for an interview based on a review of the written admissions materials
- Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 in order maintain matriculation in the graduate program.
- Admission requires a minimum GPA of 3.2 in prerequisite coursework. Application deadline is February 1.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES
- B.S./B.A. degree in Communication Disorders or related field. For students with a B.S./B.A. degree in another field, the following courses must be taken within the last 10 years:
  - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
  - Phonetics
  - Speech and Hearing Science
  - Introduction to Communication Disorders (Speech Pathology I)
  - Introduction to Audiology
  - Normal Speech and Language Development
  - Introduction to Linguistics
- Students without a B.S. or B.A. degree can apply for our B.S. in Communication Disorders Program, which includes prerequisites and pre-professional training.

The Masters in Science in Communication Disorders at Mercy College is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.
STUDENTS IN MERCY COLLEGE'S M.S. IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS PROGRAM HAVE A GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT UPON GRADUATION.