

**COMMUNICATION DISORDERS GRADUATE STUDY  
TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI  
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**PROGRAM STRENGTHS**

1. The master's (M.A.) education program in speech-language pathology at Truman State University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. Truman has been offering this degree since 1967.
2. Graduate internships which are full-time, full-semester, off-campus clinical experiences.
3. A well-qualified faculty.
4. Small classes; frequent student-faculty interactions.
5. Availability of clients to provide clinical clock hours in appropriate categories.
6. Excellent supervision of practicum.
7. An attractive university clinic which is well-stocked with equipment and clinical materials.
8. Opportunity to work with faculty on clinical research projects.
9. Use of State-of-the-art technology, with emphasis on technology as a partner in the client-clinician interaction.
10. Excellent job placement.

**PROGRAM SIZE**

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT WAS: 160 undergraduate students  
30-35 graduate students are admitted per year

**GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

1. A cumulative overall grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 point scale is considered the minimum requirement.
2. Strong performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required.
3. Completed Graduate Applications will be reviewed beginning in January.

**LENGTH OF STUDY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE**

1. Five terms of study are typical for meeting all ASHA-CCC academic and clock hour requirements.
2. Clinical practicum including an internship in the public schools and hospital setting following satisfactory experience in the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic.
3. The Clinical Process Commentary (CPC) an alternative to Comprehensive Examinations.
4. Take the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology [PRAXIS].

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP:** Applicants are invited to apply for a limited number of graduate fellowships that are awarded on a competitive basis. By accepting the award, the student is expected to carry a minimum of a 9.0 semester hour course load. The graduate fellow, depending on the award, will be assigned to work 2-10 hours per week with a faculty member in his/her area of research, clinic, or teaching.

**FULL-TIME FACULTY**

The faculty/staff members in Communication Disorders hold ASHA certification in CCC-SLP or CCC-A. The faculty received advanced degrees from the following institutions:

Amy F. Teten, Ph.D.	Associate Professor and Chair	CCC-SLP	University of South Alabama
Kelsey Aurand de Razo	Instructor	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Julia D. Edgar, Ph.D.	Associate Professor	CCC-SLP	University of Minnesota
Ilene G. Elmlinger, Au.D.	Professor	CCC-A	Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University [Elkins Park, PA]
Sheila S. Garlock, M.A.	Assistant Professor	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Patricia L. Hanson, M.A.	Instructor	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Melissa S. Passe, M.A.	Director of Clinical Education, Speech and Hearing Clinic	CCC-SLP	Truman State University
Andrea G. Richards, M.Ed.	Instructor	CCC-SLP	Northeastern State Univ-Tahlequah, OK

Employed in the profession

Academic Year	Number of graduates	Percent of graduates
2018/2019	30 out of 30	100%
2017/2018	25 out of 25	100%
2016/2017	28 out of 29	96%
<b>3 yr ave</b>	<b>81 out of 83</b>	<b>99%</b>

Praxis Examination Pass Rate\*

Academic Year	Number taking test	Number passing test	Pass rate*
2019/2020	23	23	100%
2018/2019	31	31	100%
2017/2018	25	25	100%
<b>3 yrs. ave pass rate:</b>			<b>100%</b>

\* Truman CMDS graduate students are required to take the national Praxis exam in speech-language pathology prior to graduation; most take it during their internship semester. This pass rate represents first attempts. As far back as we have records, no Truman grad student has failed the test on their second attempt.

Program Completion Rate

Academic Year	Number completing program in expected time	Number taking longer than usual*	Number not completing the program	Percent completing in expected time
2019/2020	23	0	3	88.5%
2018/2019	29	1	2	90.6%
2017/2018	24	1	1	92.3%
<b>3-yr average</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>90.5%</b>

\* We make every effort to accommodate non-traditional students, some of whom have family and other obligations that prevent them from following the curriculum in exactly the usual way or on the usual schedule. Some students also elect to complete a thesis or extend their program for other reasons that are part of an individualized academic plan. For the purposes of this table, "taking longer than usual" means that the student required more than the planned amount of time due to difficulties fulfilling academic or clinical requirements on schedule.

<http://www.truman.edu/majors-programs/graduate-studies/communication-disorders/cmds-graduate-program-stats/>

**Application Deadline:** Applications for acceptance into the Master of Arts in Communication Disorders program are due on the following dates:

- Fall: June 1 (Priority Deadline: Feb. 15)
- Spring: Nov. 1 (Priority Deadline: Sept. 15)
- Summer: No Summer Applications Accepted

**Typical Length of Graduate Program:** With an Undergraduate Major in CMDS: 5 semesters  
With Undergraduate Major in another field: 6-8 semesters

**Research opportunities:** Graduate students meeting minimum Program requirements may choose to complete a thesis project under the direct supervision of a CMDS faculty member. In addition, many other informal opportunities are available for mentored student research.

**Hours of Graduate Academic Credit:** 46 minimum required

**Your online application should include:** transcripts, three (3) letters of recommendation, personal essay and GRE scores. For additional information go to <http://www.truman.edu/majors-programs/graduate-studies/> or at <https://connect.truman.edu/apply/>

**QUESTIONS REGARDING APPLICATION PROCESS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO**

Bethany Gibson, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Graduate Studies  
McClain Hall 203  
Truman State University  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
(660) 785-4109 or 4105 | Fax: (660) 785-7460  
gradinfo@truman.edu or bethanyc@truman.edu

**QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CMDS M.A. PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO**

Connie Ikerd, Secretary  
Communication Disorders Department  
Health Sciences Building 2252  
Truman State University  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
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"It is the policy of Truman State University not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs, activities, admission practices, and employment policies as required by the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972." We are an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action organization.

**Master of Arts in Communication Disorders PLAN OF STUDY**  
**Truman State University**  
**SPRING Admission: Typical Course Sequence (5 semesters, with electives)**

**Assumes:** Typical CMDS undergrad courses as well as linguistics, 2 lab sciences, history, statistics and development courses have already happened. At least 25 documented clock hours of clinical observation are required prior to enrollment in CMDS 681G. Aural rehab or professional issues deficiencies can be addressed in Fall semesters if needed. Counseling can be taken in spring semester if needed.

**Spring Semester (First)**

CMDS 661G Lang Dis. Early Child **// CMDS 684G Lang Dis. School-Aged ***	2/2
CMDS 567G Neural Bases** // CMDS 669G Neurogenic: Motor Speech Disorders***	2/2
CMDS 671G Adv Audiology**// CMDS 685G Acquired Cog-Ling Disorders ***	2/2
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice	1
(CMDS 550G Counseling/CMDS 473 Aural Rehab if needed)	<u>(3-6 UG)</u>
	13+

#(May Interim option: MEX 510G 3 credits)

**Summer Semester (First)**

CMDS 563G Dysphagia	3	
CMDS 680G Orofacial Seminar	1	
CMDS 676G Clinical Process Commentary (CPC1)*		1
CMDS 680G Elective Seminar (various topics)	1	
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practicum		1-3
(CMDS 689G Thesis - optional)	<u>(1-3)</u>	
	6-9	

**Fall Semester (First)**

CMDS 662G Aphasia ***	2	
CMDS 667G Research Methodology	3	
CMDS 568G Speech Sound Disorders ** // CMDS 660G Fluency Disorders ***		2/2
CMDS 578G Augmentative and Alternative Communication		2
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice	1	
Elective: CMDS 680G Adv Dysphagia Seminar)		(3)
(CMDS 490 Professional Issues in CMDS if needed)		<u>(3 UG)</u>
	12-15	

**Spring Semester (Second)**

CMDS 566G Diagnostics	3	
ED 621G Psychology of Reading		3
CMDS 564G Voice Disorders	2	
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice		1
CMDS 520G Interprofessional Healthcare		1
(CMDS 689G Thesis - optional)	<u>(1-3)</u>	

10-13

**Summer Semester (Second)**

CMDS 682 Internship: Medical	4	
CMDS 677G Clinical Process Commentary (CPC2)*		2
(CMDS 689G Thesis - optional)	<u>(1-3)</u>	
	6	

**Fall Semester (Second)**

CMDS 683 Internship: School	4	
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Take Praxis exam, finish 375 clinical clock hours prior to Graduation.

\*Note: 3 hrs. total of CPC credit is required – you may take it in amounts that even out your load

\*\* Indicates 1<sup>st</sup> block class

\*\*\* Indicates 2<sup>nd</sup> block class

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<b>Fall Semester (first)</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
CMDS 567G Neural Bases **// CMDS 662G Aphasia ***	2/2	
CMDS 667G Research Methodology	3	
CMDS 568G Speech Sound Disorders ** // CMDS 660G Fluency Disorders ***	2/2	
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice (CMDS 490 Professional Issues in CMDS if needed)	1	(3 UG)
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	12-15	
<b>Spring Semester (first)</b>		
CMDS 661G Lang Disorders in Early Child **// CMDS 684G Lang Disorders in School-Aged ***	2/2	
CMDS 669G Neurogenic: Motor Speech Disorders ****	2	
CMDS 671G Adv Audiology**// CMDS 685G Acquired Cog-Ling Disorders ***	2/2	
CMDS 564G Voice Disorders	2	
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice	1	
CMDS 676G Clinical Process Commentary (CPC1)* (CMDS 550G Counseling/CMDS 473 Aural Rehab if needed)	1	(3-6 UG) CMDS 520G
Interprofessional Healthcare	<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	
14+	1	(May Interim option: MEX 510G 3 credits)
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
CMDS 563G Dysphagia	3	
CMDS 680G Orofacial Seminar	1	
CMDS 680G Elective Seminar (various topics)	1	
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CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practicum (CMDS 689G Thesis - optional)	1-3 (1-3)	
ED 621G Psychology of Reading	<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	(6-9)
	3	
<b>Fall Semester (Second)</b>		
CMDS 566G Diagnostics	3	
CMDS 660G Fluency Disorders *** (if not taken Fall 1)	2	
CMDS 578G Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2	2
CMDS 681G Advanced Clinical Practice (CMDS 689G Thesis - optional)	2 (1-3)	
Elective: CMDS 680G Adv Dysphagia Seminar)	<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	(3)
	(9-12)	
<b>Spring Semester (Second)</b>		
CMDS 682 Internship: Medical	4	
CMDS 683 Internship: School	4	
CMDS 677G Clinical Process Commentary (CPC2)*	2	
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\*\*\* Indicates 2<sup>nd</sup> block class held at the same time as the corresponding 1<sup>st</sup> block class.

\*\*\*\* Offered as a 2<sup>nd</sup> block class. Would be paired with 5XXG (Neural Bases – 1<sup>st</sup> block) for Spring admits.

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**Truman State University  
Communication Disorders  
Graduate Student Financial Planning Guide**

*Please Note: Amounts are subject to change*

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>Other Grad Program</b>
<b>Graduate Application Fee</b>	\$40	
<b>School Expenses</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">In State: \$390/hour Out of State: \$676/hour In-state Graduate \$4,686/semester (12-14 hrs) Out of State Graduate \$8,114/semester (12-14 hrs) <i>Graduate tuition is a flat fee for students taking 12-14 credit hours per semester. Tuition includes the Student Recreation Center Fee and the Student Union Fee.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books</li> </ul>	\$400.00/semester (on average for <b>campus</b> bookstore)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fees (Parking Sticker, Activities Fees, etc.) –</li> </ul>	<p>Fees per semester [per year]</p> <p>Activities Fee: \$45/sem [\$90/year] Athletic Fee - \$58/sem [\$116/year] Health [Clinic] Services: \$37/sem [\$74/year] Student Approved Info Tech Fee: \$17/sem [\$34/yr] Student Approved Environmental Sustainability Fee: \$5 [\$10/year] Parking: \$25-130/year (optional) Bike Registration – No Fee</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Dues (NSSHLA)</li> <li>• MSHA membership</li> </ul>	\$60/year (opt) Renew-\$60 \$15.00/year (optional)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer (optional but recommended)</li> </ul>	\$1,500	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship Fees – (inoculations, CPR training, criminal background check)</li> </ul>	\$200.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation Fees</li> </ul>	\$30.00 Plus cost of cap, gown, tassel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRAXIS registration and test fees</li> </ul>	\$120.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships/Grants/Fellowships</li> </ul>	<p>Graduate Assistantships: 2.0 hours/week: \$250/semester 5.0 hours/week: \$500/semester 7-8 hours/week: \$750/semester 10.0 hours/week: \$1,000/semester</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background Check</li> </ul>	\$14.50 at initial clinician's meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calipso (to document clinical hours)</li> </ul>	\$90 (one-time fee)	
<b>Living Expenses</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Commuting</li> </ul>	<b>Car Payment/Insurance:</b>	

(including car payments, car insurance, gas, maintenance, or public transportation)	Average \$350/month  <b>Gas:</b> Average \$50/month for in town driving only	
• Housing	\$300/month (on campus apt) \$200-\$500/month (off campus)	
• Utilities	About \$150/month	
• Food	About \$200/month (groceries)	
• Recreation/ Entertainment	About \$50/month	
• Clothing/Professional Dress	About \$300 for a basic set of clinic clothes for a semester/season (if starting out with little)	
<b>Other Possible Expenses to be Considered</b>		
• Professional Meetings/ Conferences	- \$120 for MSHA (average cost if you're presenting and registration is paid for) - \$500 + for ASHA (depending on location, hotel, etc.)	
• Clinical Materials (digital recorder, stopwatch, therapy materials, rewards, etc.)	(Truman has extensive available collection of materials) Depending on the client, about \$20/semester	
• Travel Home	Depending on distance About \$100/month in gas for 2 trips home.	
• Research Expenses	<b>Research Methodology Project Expenses:</b> About \$10 <b>Thesis Expenses</b> (if thesis option chosen): About \$30	
• Library Fines and Parking Tickets	<b>Parking Tickets</b> \$50: Improper use of parking permit \$25: parking in a designated lot with the wrong sticker  <b>Library Fines (vary)</b> .15/day for overdue general collection books \$1.00/day for overdue Interlibrary Loan Materials	

Not all fees may be known  
Information included in this table current as of 9/2020

## Cost Comparison: Sample of SLP Graduate Programs in Communication Disorders Missouri Schools

*Please Note: Amounts are subject to change*

School	Tuition (In-State)	Tuition (Out of State)	Fees *
Truman State University	\$390.00/hour \$4,685.50 for 12 credit hours (flat rate for 12-14 credits, 2 semesters)	\$676.00/hour \$8,113.50 for 12 credit hours (flat rate for 12-14 credits, 2 semesters)	\$90/year Activities Fee \$116/year Athletic Fee \$74/year Health Services \$130/year Parking (optional) \$34/year Info Tech Fee Application fee through CSDCAS
University of Missouri Columbia	\$394.90/hour	\$1,081,10/hour	\$154.23/sem. Recreation Facility Fee \$22.21/credit Student Activity Fee or \$199.85 \$97.19/sem Health Fee \$14.35/credit Information Technology Fee Application fee through CSDCAS <b>AND</b> \$25 Application Fee/Domestic
Fontbonne University	\$775/hour	\$775/hour	\$25/hour Fees Application through CSDCAS \$150/year Parking (optional)
Saint Louis University	\$1,190/hour	\$1,190/hour	\$322.50/sem (avg.) additional student services fees \$100 Graduate School Mandatory Registration \$55 Application Fee \$440/year Parking (optional)
Rockhurst University	\$900/hour	\$900/hour	\$125/sem Technology Fee \$125/sem Parking (optional) \$140/sem Student Activity Fee \$50 Liability Insurance [mandatory] \$2,300/year Mandatory Health Insurance [waiver available] \$60 Matriculation Fee Application fee through CSDCAS
Missouri State University	\$289/hr	\$582/hr	\$96 Parking (optional) Student services fees are on incremental scale based on total number of hours enrolled. Estimated cost: \$2,560/yr* Application through CSDCAS
University of Central Missouri	\$317/hr	\$634/hr	\$588.75 General student fees (athletics/health/recreation/etc.) Application fee through CSDCAS
Southeast Missouri State Univ.	\$331/hr	\$584/hr	\$190/yr parking \$35/credit CMDS grad fee Application fee through CSDCAS
Maryville University	\$797/hr (or \$13,035/semester full time)	\$797/hr (or \$13,035/semester full time)	\$450-1,200 Program fee (per semester) Application fee through CSDCAS

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Information included in this table current as of 09/2020

## **Finances and Grad School Thinking about how to pay?**

1. Graduate student aid is generally from fellowships, assistantships, and loans. Graduate students are not eligible for Pell Grants, SEOG (grants), or Missouri Grants. They are eligible for some of the federal aid programs that are not grants, some requiring financial need: Stafford Loan, Perkins Loan, and Work-Study. At Truman, Master's students rely heavily on work and loans. Graduate fellowships are allocated by the CMDS department depending on available funds. Loans are processed by Truman's Financial Aid Office. <http://financialaid.truman.edu/>
2. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has to be filled out to determine eligibility for the Perkins Loan or the Stafford Loan. File online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You should have a FSA ID (personal identifier) so you can electronically sign your FAFSA online and can access your student aid information online. This can be obtained <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid#fsaid-intro> if you do not already have a FSA ID. FAFSAs have to be filed annually, but FSA IDs last forever. FAFSAs are available after January 1 for the next year.
3. You will be considered an *independent* student on the FAFSA if you will be enrolled in a master's or doctorate program. This means you will report your/and your spouse's income and assets instead of reporting your parents' income too. You must be fully admitted to the graduate program. Taking prerequisites does not satisfy "fully admitted" status.
4. Students seeking a second undergraduate degree are not considered graduate students. These students are reclassified at an undergraduate class level based on hours needed to finish the new degree, and loan amounts are calculated accordingly for that class level.

5. Loan limits for graduate students:

Annually for Unsubsidized Stafford Loans	\$20,500.00
TEACH Grant	\$8,000.00
(repayment waived if you serve in high-need public school – for details see: <a href="http://financialaid.truman.edu/teachGrant/index.asp">http://financialaid.truman.edu/teachGrant/index.asp</a> )	

6. Half-time enrollment is required for receipt of Stafford Loans (or 6 credit hours per semester). Incompletes or in-progress hours do not carry over to the next semester to obtain deferment of loan repayment. There is a 6-month grace period (after graduating, withdrawing, or dropping below half time) before you begin repayment.
7. Students who don't qualify for federal student loans or receive enough assistance from them may look in to *alternative student loans*. These are loans offered by commercial lenders. Truman's Financial Aid Office may have recommended lenders. Then you may go online to their web sites to check out loan terms and your eligibility.
8. With a big reliance on student loans for graduate study it is important to weigh the cost of education against future income and the ability to repay loans. It has been recommended that student loan repayment be limited to 8 percent of gross income. Realize differences in earning power exist between majors, and those in certain majors accrue larger student debt.
9. If you already have loans for undergraduate study, you may seek deferment of the loan repayment while attending graduate school at least half-time. Be sure to keep your lenders informed of your continuing enrollment. Each semester they need to know you are still in school.
10. Look at some friendly web sites for additional information:

<http://www.finaid.org> (for financial aid for graduate school and calculators to estimate results you will see from filing a FAFSA)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) (government site with section on funding your graduate education, including links to tax benefits)

[www.bls.gov/ces/](http://www.bls.gov/ces/) (information on various careers and earnings)

Still have questions? You may contact the Truman Financial Aid Office to set up an appointment to talk to a financial aid staff member.

Stop by McClain Hall #103 or call 785-4130

<http://financialaid.truman.edu/>



**Out of State Tuition Reminder:** Truman State University participates in the Midwest Student Exchange Program. Residents of **Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota,** and **Wisconsin** can receive a reduced out-of-state tuition rate, currently 150% of the in-state tuition rate.

For more information visit: <http://www.truman.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/MIDWEST-STUDENT-EXCHANGE-PROGRAM.pdf>

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Graduate students must have the application and documentation submitted at least one month before the semester starts.

To see if you are eligible for the Midwest Student Exchange Program, we will need to verify your residency. Please send the [Graduate Office](#) the following information:

- a copy of your current driver's license
- your most recent state income tax forms (or your parent's if you were claimed as a dependent)
- MSEP waiver application (available from the [Graduate Office](#).)