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**COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (CD) "PREPROFESSIONAL" PROGRAM**

**Advising Guide**

**Effective 2023-2024 Academic Year**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of this advising guide and the information has been explained to me by the person co-signing this statement.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advising**

Academic advisors (and other CSD faculty) will meet with students during EKU's advising period and whenever requested, whether the need is academic or personal. To make an appointment, please email the faculty member directly, stop by the faculty member's office, or leave a voice mail. When leaving a message, please provide your name, phone number, best times to call you, and reason for the appointment.

"Preprofessional" undergraduate preparation in CD is considered prerequisite to advanced preparation at the graduate level of study. After completion of the master's degree in this field, students are eligible to become certified at the national level, as well as to be fully licensed by Kentucky to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). Kentucky permits an individual with a bachelor's degree in CD to work as a licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) in public school settings only.

<b>Program At-A-Glance</b>	<b>Required Hours</b>
General Education courses Elements 1-6	36
Student Success Seminar (waived for transfer students with 30+ hours)	1
Major (CSD) courses Including the applied critical and creative thinking (ACCT) course: CSD 475	58
Supporting courses in: American Sign Language (ASL) Biological Sciences (BIO) Linguistics (ENG) Occupational Therapy (OTS) Psychology (PSY) Special Education (SED) Statistics (STA)	18-30
Electives	0-13
<b>Total program requirements</b>	<b>120-128</b>

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES:**

**Grade of "C".** A "C" or higher is required for all CSD courses and all "supporting" courses. A "C" in each prerequisite course is required in order to progress to the next course in the CD program sequence, as shown on this sheet.

**Upper Division Coursework.** At least 42 hrs at 300-level and above must be accumulated. Courses that are transferred from other schools must be equivalent to EKU's upper division courses to meet this rule.

**Writing Intensive Requirement.** The WIR may be taken after completion of ENG 101 & 102. Register for the WIR just as you would register for any class. A WIR class is noted by a "W" after the course name, such as PSY 200W. CD has its own WIR course, CSD 571W.

**Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, and Cheating.** Knowledge acquisition and ethical behavior are equally important aspects in the student's development to become a professional. Giving attention to both of these aspects is in the best interest of the student and that of the public to be served by the program graduate. Therefore, the CD program supports EKU's policy on Academic Integrity as described in the EKU Student Handbook. The program also supports the concept of "co-responsibility" for anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty. Program faculty will follow EKU procedures (refer to the University Handbook) to impose sanctions for students who participate in any form of academic dishonesty. Unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

**Undergraduate Admission to the CD Program.** Admission to the University and to the CD program are not synonymous. Any student who is admitted to EKU may declare the pre-communication disorders (pre-CD) major. The student will be assigned to a CD advisor and will be classified as a "pre-CD" major. However, having pre-CD status does not guarantee admission into the CD undergraduate program. Pre-CD majors are restricted to enrollment in three Core Courses: CSD 275, CSD 311, and CSD 360.

To be eligible to apply for undergraduate admission, the following criteria must be met:

- ✓ At least 40 semester credit hours completed - Examples of hours "not completed" may be those from which the student withdrew (W), received an incomplete (I or IP), or did not pass (F or U). Hours must be based on 100-level courses or higher. Developmental or remedial courses such as those numbered 090, 093, and 095 (or equivalent transfer courses) cannot be counted in the 40 hours nor in the GPA.
- ✓ GPA of at least 3.0 overall (on a 4.0 scale) for semester credit hours completed
- ✓ ACT composite score of at least 21 (or SAT equivalent)

Admitted students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in CSD 275 (Introduction to Communication Disorders) or an equivalent transferred course **BEFORE** registering for the sequence of CSD courses listed for the Junior year. Although CSD 275 is not a prerequisite for applying for program admission, it is a prerequisite for other CSD courses. Once admitted to the CD program, students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all CSD courses and supporting courses.

GPA and ACT are equally weighed in determining undergraduate admission. The GPA x ACT determines a rank order for those applying. The CD program will admit 30 new undergraduate students each year to enter the Junior-level CSD course sequence. Admission will apply to all students equally, whether they are enrolled at EKU or transfer to EKU. Applicants do not have to be enrolled or admitted to EKU at the time of application. The application form may be accessed at <https://cd.eku.edu>. Instructions are provided on the website. Applications are due February 14; no applications will be accepted after this date.

It should be noted that enrollment in EKU's graduate program in Communication Disorders is also limited. Admission to the undergraduate program does not guarantee admission into the graduate program. Refer to the Graduate Catalog or our web page for admission requirements and procedures for the master's degree in CD.

**Criminal Background Check.** The CD program requires a state criminal history background check approved\* by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences (CEAHS) as a condition of admission. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required as a condition of admission. An additional state criminal background check approved\* by the CEAHS is required prior to beginning CSD 374 or may be required at additional points in the program. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required prior to beginning CSD 374.

\*“Approved” is a formal review process of the criminal records report. Any misrepresentation of facts, by omission or addition, may result in the denial of admission to the CD program or enrollment in CSD 374.

**CSD Overrides and Course Repeats.** Approval of an "override," when a CSD course is "closed," will ultimately be made by the CSD instructor on a case-by-case basis. An instructor has the right to refuse an override request. Students must follow the sequence of courses as outlined on this advising sheet. However, it is recognized that on occasion some students may need to take a course "out of sequence," usually because of having transferred to EKU or having been a part-time student. Therefore, advisor approval is sometimes given to assist the student in completing the program in a timely manner. However, if a student enrolls in a course "out of sequence" and without the advisor's approval, the instructor may consider it necessary, and will have the prerogative, to ask the student to drop the course. Students wanting to repeat a CSD course must go through drop/add after regular registration is over. Advisor and faculty approval is needed for the repeat of any EKU course. The College Dean (Combs 420) also must approve a 3rd or subsequent repeat.

**Class Attendance.** Regular and punctual attendance is expected in all CSD courses and practicum activities. Allowance is made for illness, emergency, and other excused absence. Notify the instructor in advance of an absence, if possible. Unexcused absences will jeopardize grades. Refer to the syllabus for specific rules regarding attendance for a particular CSD (or any other university) course.

**Transfer Courses, Overloads, and Correspondence.** Approval must be obtained from the CEHS Dean before registering for any of these types of courses. Students enrolled at EKU who wish to take coursework elsewhere (for example, during the summer), should consult with the EKU Student Outreach and Transition Office (SOTO; <https://soto.eku.edu/>) and also obtain the approval of their college dean prior to enrolling. EKU does not take responsibility for courses transferred without prior approval. Approval may be granted in cases of extreme circumstance for an overload (above 18 hrs); a 3.0 GPA is required for an overload.

**Speech/Language/Hearing Screening.** Admitted students are required to complete a speech/language/hearing screening as oral communication is an Essential Function of being an SLP. Screenings can be completed through the EKU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

**Practicum Prerequisites.** Enrollment in clinical practicum / CSD 374 requires (a) 25 clock hours of observation completed through CSD 273 and other major courses; (b) 3.0 overall GPA; (c) course prerequisites stated in the Undergraduate Catalog; and (d) successful completion of a background check as described above. The GPA standard must be maintained for continued enrollment in practicum courses. Students must also purchase student professional liability insurance (PLI) for a nominal fee prior to participation in clinical assignments.

**Professional Liability Insurance (PLI).** Insurance coverage must be maintained throughout enrollment in clinical courses, such as CSD 374, 474, and 541.

**Course Sequence.** The student **MUST** follow the sequence of CSD courses as presented on the following pages, especially during the Junior and Senior years. This will ensure program continuity, completion of any prerequisites, and overall professional growth. Obtain advisor's approval prior to registering for classes and whenever a schedule change is needed. Developmental courses (090, 093, 095) must be completed within the first two terms of admission to EKU.

**General Education.** Some Gen Ed courses (e.g., ASL 101, PSY 200, SED 104) count as supporting courses; Be sure to discuss this with your advisor so that you take the required program courses when registering for general education coursework.

There are six main Gen Ed areas:

- Communication (Element 1),
- Quantitative Reasoning (Element 2),
- Arts and Humanities (Element 3),
- Natural Sciences (Element 4),
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (Element 5), and
- Diversity of Perspectives and Experiences (Element 6)

See the "General Education Requirements" section of the Undergraduate Catalog for course options in each block. Select the number of courses required from each block to meet requirements.

## Freshman Year

<u>Fall Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
ENG 101 <u>or</u> 105 – Written Communication*	3	_____	_____	Element 1A
Arts – see ECU list of general education options for Element 3A	3	_____	_____	Element 3A
Historical Perspective – see ECU list of general education options for Element 5A	3	_____	_____	Element 5A
Natural Science – see ECU list of general education options for Element 4	3	_____	_____	Element 4
SED 104 – Introduction to Special Education**	3	_____	_____	Element 6 & Supporting course
EDO 100 – Student Success Seminar for Pre-CD majors	1	_____	_____	Graduation requirement
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\* If a student attains an “A” or “B” in ENG 105, the student will earn six hours of credit, three hours of which will be applied to General Education Element 1B.

\*\* If SED 104 is taken for General Education Element 6, then it will also count as a supporting course.

<u>Spring Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
ENG 102 <u>or</u> 105 – Written Communication (see textbox above regarding ENG 105)	3	_____	_____	Element 1B
Humanities – see ECU list of general education options for Element 3B	3	_____	_____	Element 3B
CHE 101/101L, CHE 111/111L, or PHY 101*	3 or 4	_____	_____	Element 4
STA 215 or 270 – Statistics**	3	_____	_____	Element 2 & Supporting course
Elective	3	_____	_____	Elective
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\* Two natural science courses are required for General Education Element 4. A chemistry or physics course is required for national licensure in the field of Speech-Language Pathology and is a prerequisite for admission to ECU’s graduate program in Communication Disorders. Thus, it is suggested that Pre-CD majors take a chemistry OR physics class as one of their two Element 4 courses. There is not a specific suggestion for the second course required for Element 4.

\*\* If STA 215 or STA 270 is taken for General Education Element 2, then it will also count as a supporting course.

## Sophomore Year

<u>Fall Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
BIO 307 – Human Anatomy & Physiology, Part 1	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
CSD 275 – Introduction to Communication Disorders	3	_____	_____	Major course
ASL 101 – American Sign Language**	3	_____	_____	Element 6 & Supporting course
SED 318 – Special Education in Early Childhood	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
Elective	3	_____	_____	Elective
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\*If PSY 200W or PSY 280W is taken for General Education Element 5B: Social and Behavioral Science, then it will also count as a supporting course.

\*\*If ASL 101 is taken, then it will fulfill General Education Element 6: Diversity of Perspectives and Experiences.

<u>Spring Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
BIO 308 – Human Anatomy & Physiology, Part 2	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
SED 390 or PSY 406 – Applied Behavior Analysis or Behavior Therapy	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
Elective	3	_____	_____	Elective
CMS 100, CMS 210, CMS 215, or EES 250 – Oral Communication	3	_____	_____	Element 1C
PSY 200, 200W, 280, or 280W – Psychology*	3	_____	_____	Element 5B & Supporting course
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## Junior Year

<u>Fall Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
ENG 410, 510, or 520 – Linguistics	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
CSD 273 – Observation in Communication Disorders*	1	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 250 – Phonetics	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 285 – Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech & Hearing Mechanism	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 360 – Normal Speech & Language Development	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 380 – Introduction to Clinical Audiology	3	_____	_____	Major course
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\* Students will accumulate at least 25 hours are clinical observation during CSD 273.

<u>Spring Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
CSD 372 – Methods & Materials in Communication Disorders	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 373 – Articulation & Phonology Disorders	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 365 – Language Disorders: Assessment	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 487 – Aural Rehabilitation	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 311 – CSD in Health Care Systems	3	_____	_____	Major course
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**Clinical Clock Hours.** A total of 400 clock hours are needed for ASHA certification. Twenty-five of those hours should be observation hours with the remaining hours being direct service. As stated earlier, students will accumulate the required 25 hours of clinical observation during CSD 273. Of the remaining 375 hours, ASHA requires that at least 325 hours be completed at the graduate level. Thus, the other 50 hours *may* be accumulated at the undergraduate level. Clinical opportunities beyond regular practicum assignments are announced in advanced and typically available by sign-up. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities whenever possible.

**Mandatory PLI:** Students must have Professional Liability Insurance before engaging in direct clinical services, such as the clinical opportunities offered in CSD 374, 474, and 541. Students must register for PLI during the Fall Semester of their Senior year.

## Senior Year

<u>Fall Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
PLI – Undergraduate Professional Liability Insurance	0	_____	n/a	Clinical requirement
CSD 374 – Practicum in Speech Pathology	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 475 – Voice Disorders	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 464 – Language Disorders: Intervention	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 572 – Speech & Hearing Science	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 541 – School Services in Communication Disorders <u>or</u> OTS 515 – Early Child Sensorimotor Development	3	_____	_____	CSD 541 Major course / OTS 515 Supporting course
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<u>Spring Semester Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Requirement Area</u>
CSD 474 – Advanced Practicum in Speech Pathology	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 465 – Disorders of Fluency	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 525 – Literate Language	3	_____	_____	Supporting course
CSD 571W – Neural Bases of Communication (writing intensive course)	3	_____	_____	Major course
CSD 541 – School Services in Communication Disorders <u>or</u> OTS 515 – Early Child Sensorimotor Development	3	_____	_____	CSD 541 Major course / OTS 515 Supporting course
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**Graduation Procedure.** Apply for May graduation in January. For the graduation application, deadlines, and ceremony details, go to <https://registrar.eku.edu/applying-graduation>.

**Graduate Admissions.** Refer to the CSD website (<https://cd.eku.edu/graduate-program#ar>) for admission requirements and procedures for applying to EKU's graduate program.

**PRAXIS Examination.** The "Speech-Language Pathology" test in the PRAXIS series is required for KY licensure in SLP and national certification through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The PRAXIS in Speech-Language Pathology is not taken at the undergraduate level.