

**Proposed Revision to the Communication Disorders & Sciences
Master of Science Degree**

Requested Changes:

- Substitute CDS 5091 Advanced Diagnosis of Communication Disorders (new course) for CDS 5090 Advanced Clinical Techniques (existing course), for students completing the Online Cohort Option.
- Revise CDS 5900 Advanced Clinical Practicum (existing course) to include a distance component for clinical teaching of students completing the Online Cohort Option.

Rationale for Changes:

During the implementation of the first hybrid Master's Degree cohort in CDS, assessment data comparing ratings on departmental learning objectives indicated certain differences between performance of students in the traditional sequence and those in the distance cohort. While on-campus in summer terms, distance cohort students were rated lower by EIU faculty in *critical thinking, development of diagnostic and treatment plans, collaboration, and use of technology*. It was also determined that, in many cases, students in the distance cohort lacked explicit instruction in standardized assessment and treatment of communication disorders, having completed their undergraduate degree several years prior.

CDS 5091—Advanced Diagnosis of Communication Disorders, was developed in response to these discrepancies. Students in the Online Cohort (distance) Option will take CDS 5091 *instead of* CDS 5090, in semester 1 of the program. The new course is a 2 credit hour course designed to better meet the educational needs of the cohort in the areas of: selecting valid assessment tools, scoring and analyzing data, differentially diagnosing disorders, developing evidence-based recommendations, and writing professional documents. This course substitution for students in the online cohort will add 1 credit hour to their program, bringing the total from 46-48, to 47-49 credit hours.

Effective Year/Term: Summer 2015

Date approved by the department: October 22, 2014

Date approved by the COSCC:

Date approved by CGS:

Date approved by COTE:

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- [CDS 5090 - Advanced Clinical Techniques](#) Credits: 1
- [CDS 5100 - Motor Speech Disorders](#). Credits: 3
- [CDS 5150 - Fluency Disorders](#) Credits: 2
- [CDS 5170 - Voice Production and Disorders](#). Credits: 3
- [CDS 5220 - Language and Literacy](#) Credits: 3
- [CDS 5250 - Advanced Language Disorders](#) Credits: 3
- [CDS 5300 - Acquired Language Disorders](#). Credits: 3
- [CDS 5350 - Cognitive Communication Disorders](#) Credits: 2
- [CDS 5400A - Special Topics in Communication Disorders and Sciences](#) Credits: 2
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- [CDS 5500 - Dysphagia Management in Children and Adults](#). Credits: 3
- [CDS 5600 - Professional Regulations and Issues in Speech-Language Pathology](#). Credits: 2
- [CDS 5800 - Grand Rounds in Communication Disorders and Sciences](#) Credits: 2
- [CDS 5850 - Independent Study](#). Credits: 1 to 4
- [CDS 5890 - Thesis](#). Credits: 1 to 4
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- [CDS 59001 - Advanced Clinical Practice I](#) Credits: 4 to 5
- [CDS 5910 - Diagnostics in Speech-Language Pathology](#). Credits: 1
- [CDS 5920 - Audiology Clinical Practice](#). Credits: 1
- [CDS 5970 - Educational Internship](#). Credits: 9
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- [CDS 5980 - Medical Internship](#). Credits: 9
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- **CDS 5091 – Advanced Diagnosis of Communication Disorders Credits: 2**
- **This course will be substituted for CDS 5090 (1 credit), increasing the total credits for the Online Cohort Option to 47-49 (instead of 46-48).**

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