

To: Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Dean CHHS and Dean of CGS

CGS Agenda Item: 22-20
Effective Summer 2022

From: Nichole Mulvey, CDS Curriculum Chair

Actions Requested: Revised Degree Requirements, M.S. Communication Disorders and Sciences, Effective Term Summer 2022

- Revision of CDS 5800 Grand Rounds in CDS, 2 hours
- Addition of CDS 5680 Professional Regulation and Issues in Educational Setting for SLPs, 1 hour
- Addition of CDS 5670 Professional Regulation and Issues in Medical Settings for SLPs, 1 hour
- Add one hour to the minimum number of hours required to complete the MS in CSD from 57 to 58
- Addition of CDS 5850 Independent Study or CDS 5890 Thesis as a course substitution for CDS 5001 Research Experience
- Clarification of course description language and prerequisites and concurrent requirements for internship experiences, CDS 5980, 5970, 5985

Rationale: After implementing the revised graduate program starting in the summer of 2019 with new course sequences and combined courses, some issues emerged regarding time for required course content.

In the previous graduate program, Professional Regulations was taught as a two-hour course, covering both medical and professional documentation and policies required in professional settings. With the 2019 revision, the content was absorbed into CDS 5800 Grand Rounds in CDS, with the intention of learning and applying professional regulations into the case-based projects of CDS 5800. Essentially, CDS 5800 stayed the same credit hours (2) with the intent of integrating new content. After having been taught as such for the last two summers and continued increases in demands for teaching and learning professional regulations, the faculty determined that the content of a professional regulations course is too immense for immersion into an already existing course and detracted from the intended scope of Grand Rounds, which focuses on professional communication, on-demand critical thinking, and integrated analysis within complex cases. The faculty also determined that content and skills related to professional regulations would be better applied during internship experiences with facilitated discussion with colleagues and peers. Thus, two separate courses were developed (CDS 5680 and CDS 5670). This adds one hour to the minimum requirements for a master's degree in CDS, increasing from 57 to 58.

In addition, with the adaptation of the 2019 program, thesis and/or independent study hours became electives (previously students enrolled in 4 credits of special topics courses or 4 credits of thesis). Since that time, we have had students interested in pursuing individualized projects that go beyond the scope of the program's research experience, CDS 5001. To encourage students to pursue research more in depth, we are suggesting that students may choose from 1 of 3 options (all 1 hour) to achieve the same research experience requirement. These options include CDS 5001 (Research Experience in CDS), CDS 5850 (Independent Study in CDS), or

CDS 5890 (Thesis). This change is reflected in catalog wording and organization. Students will continue to be able to take additional independent study hours or thesis hours as electives.

Other revisions listed below clarify or simplify information about the program. These include addition of an approved course from the spring in the electives section (CDS 5450) and correcting and simplifying the program requirements for internship experiences. The prerequisites for CDS 5980, CDS 5970, and CDS 5985 will be updated in the course descriptions through executive action. In addition, the original graduate catalog update from 2019 included language for CDS 5900 that can be confusing to students due to the requirement to repeat the clinical course with a minimum grade and to meet internship and graduation requirements. The new wording will simply clarify the course hours and possible credit available for completion of degree.

Revised Catalog Copy:

Eastern Illinois University EIU Graduate Catalog

Degree Requirements

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Required Courses and Clinical Practicum Experiences

~~57-61~~ Total Credit Hours

- CDS 5000 - Research Methods in Communication Disorders and Sciences. Credits: 1
- ~~CDS 5001 - Research Experience in Communication Disorders and Science Credits: 1~~

- CDS 5100 - Motor Speech Disorders. Credits: 3
- CDS 5130 - Advanced Speech Sound Disorders Credits: 2
- CDS 5150 - Fluency Disorders Credits: 2
- CDS 5170 - Voice Production and Disorders. Credits: 2
- CDS 5210 - Literacy for the Speech-Language Pathologist Credits: 2
- CDS 5230 - Early Childhood Language Disorders Credits: 3
- CDS 5250 - School-Age Language Disorders Credits: 3
- CDS 5300 - Aphasia & Right Hemisphere Dysfunction Credits: 3
- CDS 5350 - Cognitive-Communication & Executive Function Disorders Credits: 3
- CDS 5500 - Dysphagia Management in Children and Adults. Credits: 3
- CDS 5800 - Grand Rounds in Communication Disorders and Sciences Credits: 2
- CDS 5900 - Advanced Clinical Practice I Credits: 1 to 3-4 to 6
- ~~Repeated for a total of 4 credits. Credits/Units: 4~~
- CDS 5905 - Advanced Clinical Treatment and Methodology Credits: 1
- CDS 5910 - Diagnostics in Speech-Language Pathology. Credits: 1
- CDS 5915 - Advanced Clinical Diagnosis and Assessment Credits: 1
- CDS 5920 - Audiology for the Speech-Language Pathologist Credits: 1
- CDS 5670 - Professional Regulations and Issues in the Educational Setting for SLPs. Credits: 1
- CDS 5680 - Professional Regulations and Issues in Medical Settings for SLPs. Credits: 1

Research Experience

CDS 5001 - Research Experience in Communication Disorders and Science Credits: 1

OR

CDS 5850 – Independent Study Credits: 1

OR

CDS 5890 – Thesis Credits: 1

Elective Courses

In addition to the required courses, clinical practicum, and internship experiences, candidates may opt to enroll in electives including Special Topics (when available), **Graduate Seminar (when available)**, Independent Study, CDS Study Abroad (when available), or Thesis. Candidates completing a **Thesis** must enroll in a total of four credit hours of CDS 5890 and must defend and deposit the thesis prior to completion of the degree.

- CDS 5400A - Special Topics in Communication Disorders and Sciences Credits: 2
- **CDS 5450 – Graduate Seminar in Communication Disorders and Sciences Credits: 1**
- CDS 5850 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 4
- CDS 5890 - Thesis. Credits: 1 to 4

Required Full-Time Internship Experiences

All candidates in all tracks and options are required to complete two internships in two different settings. All candidates complete a Medical Internship and ~~all candidates complete an Educational Internship unless approved to substitute the Clinical Internship as described below.~~

- CDS 5980 - Medical Internship. Credits: 9
- Candidates register for 9 semester hours **and meet all prerequisites and requirements for the course.** ~~To be eligible for the Medical Internship candidates must complete the following requirements specific to EIU as well as the external medical internship site:~~

~~Submit and pay for a background investigation~~

~~Provide documentation of a physical exam and immunization records~~

~~Provide proof of professional liability insurance~~

~~Complete and pay for other miscellaneous trainings, orientations, requirement tracking programs, and/or documentation which may be required by the external medical internship site~~

AND

- CDS 5970 - Educational Internship. Credits: 9
- ~~All~~ Candidates register for 9 semester hours **and meet all prerequisites and requirements for the course.** ~~To be eligible for the Educational Internship candidates must complete the following:~~

~~o Complete Submit and pay for a criminal background investigation~~

~~o Submit a passing score on the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), or meet approved substitution requirements (<http://www.ciu.edu/basicskillstest/actortap.php>).~~

~~o Provide documentation of the above and complete any other requirements and documentation as necessary for both EIU and the educational internship site.~~

~~Candidates who fail to meet the TAP requirements are not eligible to enroll in the Educational Internship and therefore are not eligible for a K-12 Educator License with Endorsement by the Illinois State Board of Education. Candidates who become ineligible for the Educational Internship must instead complete CDS 5985 Clinical Internship.~~

OR

- CDS 5985 - Clinical Internship Credits: 9
- Candidates approved for Clinical Internship register for 9 semester hours.

~~Clinical Internship (CDS 5985) is available to candidates who do not meet the requirements for Educational Internship (CDS 5970).—Candidates completing this approved alternative are not eligible for the K-12 Educator License with Illinois State Board of Education Endorsement.~~

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AND

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OR

- CDS 5985 - Clinical Internship Credits: 9
- Candidates approved for Clinical Internship register for 9 semester hours.

Date approved by the department or school: 12/15/2021

Date approved by the college curriculum committee: 2/14/2022

Date approved by CGS: