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TO: Council on Graduate Studies
FROM: Dr. Özlem Ersin, Dean
SUBJECT: Executive Action
DATE: August 25, 2019
Effective Date: Fall 2020

Request to remove the GRE admission requirement for the CDS graduate program.
(See attached.)



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EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST

TO: Ozlem Ersin, Dean

FROM: Rebecca Throneburg, Chair, CDS

DATE: August 19, 2020

ACTIONS REQUESTED

To remove the GRE admission requirement for the CDS graduate program.

Rationale: Due to limited testing center availability related to COVID-19, many students wishing to pursue a degree in speech-language pathology have been unable to take the GRE and/or work toward improving their scores for competitive application. The CDS department uses several additional sources of application information to determine who is admitted to the CDS program. The GRE is not a necessary component for this application cycle. Additionally, changes in state law have resulted in the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) being eliminated as a requirement for teacher certification programs.

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Current Catalog Copy:

Communication Disorders and Sciences

Program Mission: With an appropriate undergraduate major in communication disorders and sciences, this program meets the requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the Speech-Language Pathologist License awarded by the Illinois Division of Financial and Professional Regulation, and the K-12 Educator License (with Illinois State Board of Education endorsement). Candidates meeting these requirements are eligible to practice speech-language pathology in both educational and medical settings.

Accreditation: Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in the area of speech-language pathology.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs"). To be eligible for admission to the degree program, applicants must



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provide the following documentation: A documented score of the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam; AT least a 3.00 grade point average (A=4.0) in an undergraduate communication disorders and sciences major.

Students from any accredited four-year college or university who have completed the appropriate undergraduate degree are encouraged to apply. Applicants are advised that admission to the program is competitive and determined by a graduate faculty committee that reviews all applications. Applicants are further advised that before they are eligible for the Educational Internship (CDS 5970) they must obtain a passing score on the Test of Academic Proficiency. Details regarding this requirement are outlined in the Degree Requirements section below.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the “Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates” section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

(Information to be deleted is highlighted in yellow below.)

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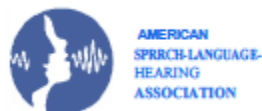
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Approvals

Date approved by the Department Curriculum Committee: 8/12/2020

Date approved by the CGS:



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