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TO: Council on Academic Affairs
Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Özlem Ersin, Dean

SUBJECT: Executive Action

DATE: November 12, 2020

Effective Date: Fall 2021

Request the addition of an accelerated graduate program option for the MS in Communication Disorders and Sciences (See attached.)



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College of Health and Human Services Executive Action Request

TO: Dr. Ozlem Ersin, Dean College of Health and Human Services

FROM: Rebecca Throneburg, Chair Communication Disorders and Sciences

RE: Accelerated Graduate Program Option

DATE: November 9, 2020

Action Requested: Addition of an accelerated graduate program option for the MS in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Effective Date: Fall 2021 (by permission of the Graduate School)

Rationale: Development of an Accelerated Programming option available to a limited number of eligible CDS undergraduate students who could enroll in certain graduate level CDS courses for 'dual credit'. This coursework would count towards the 120 semester hours required for the bachelor's degree while also meeting certain requirements for the master's degree, should the student apply/be admitted here. This proposed option also acknowledges the needs of students arriving on campus who, for a number of reasons, may not require the full four-year sequence, or for whom financial needs drive their planning and enrollment decisions.

Communication Disorders & Sciences Accelerated Program

Students need a total of 120 semester hours to earn a bachelor's degree. Eligible undergraduate CDS students participating in the CDS Accelerated Program may take up to 15 semester hours of graduate level CDS coursework as 'shared credit' to fulfill the 120 semester hours required for the B.S. degree, which may also fulfill certain requirements in the CDS M.S. Program. Enrollment in coursework for the CDS Accelerated Program is contingent upon chair approval and availability of seats. Students must have completed CDS 3100, 3200, 3500, and 3700 prior to enrolling in graduate coursework for shared credit. Undergraduate CDS students who meet the criteria below are eligible to request enrollment in the Accelerated Program:

- Are admitted to the M.S. Program in CDS
- OR
- Have earned a 3.6 or greater CGPA and MGPA (4.0) and have completed CDS 3100, 3200, 3500, and 3700



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Graduate courses that may be used for shared credit in the CDS Accelerated Program are listed below:

- CDS 5000 – Research Methods in Communication Disorders & Sciences. Credits: 1
- CDS 5100 – Motor Speech Disorders. Credits: 3
- CDS 5130 – Advanced Speech Sound 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 5905 – Advanced Clinical Diagnosis and Assessment. Credits: 1
- CDS 5915 – Advanced Clinical Treatment and Methodology. Credits: 1



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