

Graduate Advising - Department of Communication Disorders & Sciences

Candidates for the Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology must meet all coursework, workshop, and administrative requirements for ASHA certification, for NYS Licensure, and for Initial Certification as a Teacher of Students with Speech and Language Disabilities (TSSLD). All requirements are outlined within the CDS Graduate Orientation Handbook, updated annually.

- The CDS graduate advisor conducts a transcript audit when each applicant accepts the invitation to enter our graduate program, and then by the end of May notifies each student in writing of any course or workshop needs. With early notice, the student may elect to complete these as early as the summer prior to beginning the program in the fall.
- The new graduate students meet with the graduate advisor during the first week of the 1st fall semester to review the audit letters and to discuss options for completing needed courses and/or certification workshops.
- Throughout a student's time in the program, the graduate advisor will monitor the student's progress in meeting these course and workshop requirements, and will contact the student.
- Final graduation audits are conducted during the final spring semester, and students with remaining needs are contacted for addressing any deficiencies as requirements for graduation.
- A minimum total of five audits occur during a student's time in our program