

# COMMUNICATION SCIENCES, MA

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**Degree:** Master of Arts (MA)

**Field of Study:** Communication Sciences

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## Program Overview

The principal goal of the Master of Arts program is to develop clinical scientists who are skilled in the management of individuals with speech and language disorders. Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts degree, students will also meet the academic and clinical practicum requirements for certification by ASHA and licensure in the State of Ohio.

## Clinical Opportunities in Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders

The program is affiliated with, and located in, Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center (CHSC), a nonprofit agency that serves children and adults with communication disorders. CHSC serves as the primary training site for graduate students enrolled in clinical practice. Its personnel and facilities provide exceptional clinical experiences for students seeking clinical certification in speech-language pathology.

The program also draws on clinical resources in University Circle and the Greater Cleveland area. In addition to clinical practicum experiences at CHSC, graduate students complete at least two externships at sites including University Hospitals of Cleveland, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, Legacy Health Services, and Western Reserve Speech and Language Partners.

## Graduate Policies

For graduate policies and procedures, please review the School of Graduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

## Program Requirements

Degree requirements include completion of 42 credit hours of course work and a clinical practicum in communication disorders. In addition, students must satisfactorily complete a clinical research project or write a master's thesis.