

FACILITIES

The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders houses academic, clinical and research facilities for specialized instruction in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, including laboratories and audiovisual/computer-based learning facilities.

The School also hosts the in-house H. A. Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic that provides well-equipped facilities for assessment, therapy, counselling and research of hearing, speech, language and voice disorders, facilitating an integration of academic and clinical experiences. Clinical education is supervised by full-time specialists in audiology and speech-language pathology who are members of the teaching faculty.

The School is home to the National Centre for Audiology (NCA), Canada's largest audiology and hearing science research program. Researchers at the Centre undertake basic and applied research relating to hearing and hearing disorders. Research at the NCA is conducted by an interdisciplinary team including audiologists, computer specialists, engineers, hearing scientists, musicians and speech scientists.

AFFILIATED RESEARCH LABORATORIES

National Centre for Audiology (NCA) researchers collaborate on a range of projects with researchers from other programs. Facilities supporting such collaborations at Western include the Voice, Child Language and Adult Language labs of several faculty members in Western's Speech-Language Pathology program (see details above), as well as with researchers elsewhere at Western.

One such NCA-funded laboratory is the Reverberation and Acoustical Project Studio, housed in Talbot College (Dr. James McKay, Don Wright Faculty of Music), which enables advanced simulations of various acoustical room environments, in support of studies of musical acoustics.

LABORATORIES AND CENTRES

Beyond the facilities available on campus, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders is home to a number of centres and laboratories that are designed to facilitate the research efforts of graduate students and their advisors. The following briefly summarizes some of the major laboratories at, and affiliated with, the School. For a complete list and detailed information on laboratories and research centres visit www.uwo.ca/fhs/csd/research/facilities.html

- Aging and Communication Laboratory (**Dr. J.B. Orange**)
- Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory (**Dr. S. Stanton**)
- Child Language Laboratories (**Drs. L. Archibald, J. Cardy, M. Kertoy, E. Skarakis-Doyle, G. Warr-Leeper**)
- Coban Hearing Science Laboratory (**Dr. M. F. Cheesman**)
- Digital Signal Process Laboratory (**Dr. V. Parsa**)
- Electrophysiology Laboratory (**Dr. D. Purcell**)
- GN Otometrics Child Hearing Research Laboratory (**Dr. P. Allen**)
- H.A. Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic
- National Centre for Audiology
- Oral Physiology Laboratories (**Dr. R. Martin**)
- Robert B. Johnson Aural Laboratory (**Dr. M. B. Jennings**)
- Siemens Child Amplification Laboratory (**Drs. S. Scollie, R. Seewald**)
- Speech Movement Disorders (**Dr. S. Adams**)
- Voice Production and Perception Laboratory (**Dr. P. C. Doyle**)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

For a full list of our faculty and their research interests, visit www.uwo.ca/fhs/csd/research

School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Audiology

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



For further information on the programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, visit our website at www.uwo.ca/fhs/csd or contact our Graduate Program Assistant at:

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SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS - AUDIOLOGY

The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), in the Faculty of Health Sciences is home to programs in both audiology and speech-language pathology and boasts award-winning professors known for their teaching and research excellence.

The Audiology program at Western has been a world-leader in the field for 38 years and has pioneered the development of technology for paediatric audiology.

Students in the program enjoy personal attention through low student-faculty ratios and will utilize the School's state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities. The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders is also home to the National Centre for Audiology (NCA) and Canada's largest on-site speech and hearing clinic (H. A. Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic).

Our highly successful and satisfied graduates are in demand and there is a 100% employment rate in this growing and respected profession.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

MASTER OF CLINICAL SCIENCE (MCISc) - AUDIOLOGY

Students enrolled in the MCISc professional graduate program are provided with a comprehensive and professional education in audiology or speech-language pathology. The focus of the degree is on the development of clinical excellence, critical thinking and problem solving necessary for practice as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc) AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) - HEARING SCIENCE

The research-based MSc and PhD degrees in Hearing Science are offered as part of the Graduate Program in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students in the MCISc degree track participate in a variety of clinical placement experiences that have been designed to help develop the skills and competencies required to meet provincial and national certification and licensing requirements and to meet the needs of the diverse clinical populations serviced by audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

The University of Western Ontario's H. A. Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic is the largest on-site audiology and speech-language pathology teaching clinic in Canada. As such, students are provided with opportunities to complete some of their clinical training in specialized programs housed in the H.A. Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic, including the Ontario Infant Hearing Screening Program, the Ontario Preschool Speech and Language Initiative (tykeTALK), as well as voice, neurogenic and stuttering programs. All students will complete several community-based clinical placement experiences offered in a variety of locations and clinical settings, and with varied populations.

CERTIFICATION/REGISTRATION

Graduates meet all existing requirements for membership and certification by the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA); membership by the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA); and licensing from the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO).

Registration with CASLPO is required by law for professionals in audiology and speech-language pathology practicing in Ontario.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants who hold an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), or the equivalent, may be eligible for direct admission into the MCISc program
- Applicants with degrees in disciplines other than CSD may be eligible for admission into the preparatory year portion of the program before progressing to the two-year MCISc program

The number of openings to both the two- and three-year portions of the program are limited and vary from year to year. Admission into the graduate portion of the program is based on overall performance during the preparatory year or during an undergraduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

All applicants, regardless of background, must complete and submit the same ORPAS application. Based on the applicant's background, the members of the CSD Admission Committee will decide which portion of the program is appropriate for each applicant.

ADMISSIONS PREREQUISITES

1. Four-year undergraduate degree prior to entering the program
2. Coursework in Statistics (full course) and Developmental Psychology (half course)
3. Minimum "B" average in the 10 full courses most recently completed
4. Minimum 14 hours of supervised experience in a setting that offers service to people with communication disorders along with a completed Clinical Reference Form (included in the ORPAS application)
5. At least two letters of academic reference (applicants who have not taken university courses for more than five years may provide professional letters of reference)
6. Maximum one-page, single-spaced personal statement describing the specific reasons for studying Communication Sciences and Disorders, along with a resume

Among equivalent applications, preference will be given to those who have not only completed the prerequisite coursework, but who also have included coursework in the following areas:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Linguistics
- Hearing Sciences
- Physical and Biological Sciences
- Psychology

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants whose first language is not English require a minimum TOEFL score of 105 Internet Based or equivalent (e.g. MELAB or IELTS). Students who, after admission, show an inadequate command of spoken or written English must improve their proficiency to the satisfaction of the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Students can be asked to withdraw from the program if their command of English interferes with their ability to provide quality professional services.

NOTE: Test results must be sent directly to the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

FEES AND FUNDING

For detailed information on fees and funding associated with this program, please visit the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website - grad.uwo.ca