

# CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM PROGRESSION FOR COMMUNICATION, SCIENCES, AND DISORDERS

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## Criteria for Program Progression

The CSD graduate program is designed to prepare you for a successful and fulfilling experience and career in speech-language pathology. To ensure your competency in completing an accredited graduate program in speech-language pathology, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- Completion of 60 credits of academic and clinical coursework.
- Completion of 400 hours of clinical practicum; 25 of these hours are observational and 50 hours can be obtained at the undergraduate level if applicable. Clinical practicum hours are obtained in-house at the Pace University Speech, Language, and Hearing Center (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/departments/communication-sciences-and-disorders/speech-language-hearing-center/>) and/or through teletherapy during the first three semesters and at external placements/sites during the final two semesters.
- All students are required to meet with their academic advisor every semester to monitor student progression and to ensure requirements in the graduate program are being met. Documentation of advisement is maintained. Students will not be allowed to register for courses in the upcoming semester or the second-year comprehensive examination until this requirement has been met.
- Second-degree graduate students who are taking CSD coursework on a non-matriculated basis to satisfy graduate program admissions may avail themselves of CSD faculty advisement on an individual basis.
- Students must earn and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA). Students are advised, monitored, and supported every semester by the CSD faculty to establish and maintain this requirement.
- Should a student earn less than a 3.0 in any CSD course, the student will be placed on academic probation (see Academic Probation Policy (<https://catalog.pace.edu/graduate/academic/academic-policies-general-regulations/disruption-normal-academic-progress/probation-academic-dismissal/>)). In addition, a remediation plan will be instituted for a student who earns a B- (2.7) or less in the course; the student must demonstrate that the standards are met. Again, students are advised, monitored, and supported every semester by the CSD faculty to complete the remediation and be removed from academic probation.
- Students who receive more than one grade below a B in the same or different semesters will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must meet performance indicators for clinical practicum on-campus at the Pace University Speech, Language, and Hearing Center (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/departments/communication-sciences-and-disorders/speech-language-hearing-center/>) and external placements.
- All students must comply with the procedures and policies of the Pace University Speech, Language, and Hearing Center (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/departments/communication-sciences-and-disorders/speech-language-hearing-center/>) described in the program student handbook (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/faculty-and-departments/departments/communication-sciences-and-0/>).
- All students must adhere to the procedures and requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/health-insurance-portability-accountability-act-1996/>) described in the program student handbook (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/faculty-and-departments/departments/communication-sciences-and-0/>).
- Students must complete mandatory workshops as designated by the program, the frequency, topics, and schedule to be determined.
- Students must complete all necessary trainings as mandated by the program, University, state, and/or accrediting agencies.
- Students will complete a first-year project/comprehensive assessment and must pass a second-year comprehensive examination.

To graduate, students must successfully satisfy all academic (60 credits) and clinical (400 total hours), and mandatory workshops as determined by the CSD program to graduate. Additionally, students must pass a comprehensive examination in the spring semester of their second year. To ensure all academic requirements and credits are met, as well as core functions, CSD academic advisors will review students' transcripts at the end of each semester and at the beginning of their last semester. The director of the Speech, Language, and Hearing Center (<https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/departments/communication-sciences-and-disorders/speech-language-hearing-center/>), clinical externship manager, and supervisors will monitor and ensure that students receive the required total hours to meet compliance.

Graduates from the MS program will be eligible for American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<https://www.asha.org/>) (ASHA) certification as well as other relevant local and state credentials upon graduation. Passing the Praxis examination is a required component for obtaining certification to practice speech-language pathology by ASHA and most states.