

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS**  
**MINIMUM CURRICULUM FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE**  
**(Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology; Fall, 2011)**

*Graduate Transfer Credits: 38 hrs. or more and:*

**YEAR 1: RESEARCH AND ELECTIVES (Stat. 9 hrs., Research 7 hrs., Elect. 4 hrs.)**

**Semester 1** (8 hrs.)

-BSE 5163 Biostat. Methods I  
 -BSE 5013 App. Micro. Data Anal.  
 -NURS 6101 Resp. Cond. Resrch. (web)  
 -Elective (min. 1 hr. in specialization)

*(Identify Research Mentor)*

**Semester 2** (9 hrs.)

-BSE 5173 Biostat. Methods II  
 -CSD 5540 (3 hrs.) Sem. Comm.  
 Science (Discuss. + Ind. Research)  
 -Elective (3 hrs. in specialization)

*(Develop Degree Plan)*

**Summer** (3hrs.)

-CSD 5540 (3 hrs.) Sem. Comm.  
 Science (Discuss. + Ind. Res.)

*(Annual Progress Review  
 Submit Plan to Grad. Coll.)*

**YEAR 2: RESEARCH AND ELECTIVES (Stat. 3 hrs., Research 9 hrs., + 4 hrs. Dissertation)**

**Semester 1** (9 hrs.)

-BSE 5653 Nonparametric Methods  
 or approved statistics elective  
 \*CSD 6563 *Research Methods CSD*  
 -CSD 5540 (3 hrs.) Sem. Comm.  
 Science (Discuss. + Ind. Research)

*\*taught in even-numbered years*

**Semester 2** (3 hrs.)

-CSD 5540 (3 hrs.) Sem. Comm.  
 Science (Discuss. + Ind. Research)  
 -General Examination

*(Presentation of Research Project)*

**Summer** (4 hrs.)

CSD 6980 (4 hrs.) Dissert. Res.

*(Annual Progress Review,  
 Prospectus, IRB)*

**YEAR 3: RESEARCH (16 hrs. Dissertation)**

**Semester 1** (6 hrs.)

-CSD 6980 (6 hrs.) Diss. Research

*(Teaching Requirement)*

**Semester 2** (6 hrs.)

-CSD 6980 (6 hrs.) Diss. Research

**Summer** (4 hrs.)

-CSD 6980 (4 hrs.) Diss. Res.

*(Oral Defense)*

**(Total hrs. yrs. 1-3 = 52 hrs.)**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED = 52 hrs. in PhD curriculum plus min. 38 hrs. of transfer or additional PhD coursework credits to equal, at minimum, 90 post-baccalaureate hrs.**

Program Notes:

Twelve (12) hrs. of statistics courses are required of all students. BSE 5013, 5163, and 5173 are required. BSE 5653 is recommended but will be only offered on a biennial basis beginning in 2010. If BSE 5653 is not available, then an alternative course may be substituted on the degree plan.

It is recommended that students complete an introductory research course (such as CSD 5133 Research Foundations or its equivalent) before entering CSD 6563 Research Methods in Communication Disorders. Please note that CSD 6563 Research Methods CSD will be taught in alternating calendar years.

The Graduate College requires that all students who conduct research must complete a course in *the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)*. NURS 6101 is the course that the Dept. of CSD employs to fulfill that requirement.

Seminar in Communication Science (CSD 5540) provides 1 credit hour of readings and discussion in a student's area of research interest plus 2 credit hours of independent research. Students must identify a research mentor during the first semester of enrollment. It is expected that the majority of Seminar courses will be completed under the direction of the mentor and that at least one research project arising from the courses will be presented nationally and/or published in a refereed journal.

Students must enroll in at least 20 hrs. of dissertation coursework to meet minimum requirements for the degree. If students enroll in more than 20 hrs. of CSD 6980, only 20 hrs. will be credited toward the 90 hr. minimum required for the degree. A successful oral defense of an approved written dissertation is a requirement for the degree.

Students with graduate assistantships will be required to show full-time enrollment during the semesters that they receive funding. This may occasionally necessitate enrollment in additional credit hours than those shown on the curriculum outline. Full-time enrollment for graduate assistants = 6 hrs. fall/spring and 3 hrs. during the summer session. Full-time enrollment for graduate students who do not hold graduate assistantships = 9 hrs. fall/spring and 6 hrs. during the summer session. Students are responsible for enrolling in sufficient credit hours to meet their individual financial aid needs.

Process Notes:

The Department of CSD's standing Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) is the "Departmental Advisory Committee" that guides each student through completion of the General Examination and that makes determinations of satisfactory progress toward the degree. Individual "Doctoral Dissertation Committees" guide students through the dissertation process and make determinations of satisfactory progress toward the degree. Both types of committees are structured in accordance with requirements outlined in the online *Graduate Bulletin*.

By the end of the second year of the program, all doctoral students will be expected to successfully present a research project to the CSD faculty and to a university (e.g., GREAT, Alpha Eta Research Day, OU-Norman Research Day, etc.), state, regional, or national conference. This requirement must be met before seeking permission to take the General Examination for the doctoral degree.

During the third year of the program, each doctoral student will teach one complete undergraduate course under the supervision of a graduate faculty mentor. Students must be enrolled when teaching. Successful completion of this teaching experience is a requirement for the PhD degree.

Doctoral students will take the written and oral portions of the General Examination when they near completion of pre-dissertation coursework. Students must be enrolled in a graduate course in order to take the General Examination.

Successful completion of the exam constitutes admission to *Candidacy for the Degree* upon approval by the Graduate Dean. Students are not permitted to enroll in CSD 6980 *Research for Doctor's Dissertation* until the General Examination has been successfully completed.

The PhD is a research degree. Although clinically-related topics may be studied, graduate clinical practicum courses may not be counted toward the minimum requirements for the degree.

Students must maintain good academic standing and demonstrate satisfactory academic progress during the course of their degree programs. All rules and regulations, as outlined in the online *Graduate Bulletin*, will be followed. Students are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents of the *Graduate Bulletin* since this document serves as the handbook for graduate study at the OUHSC.