DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE	**College of Health Professions and Sciences**
PROGRAM	**Communication Sciences and Disorders MA**

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status), passing a state or national exam, and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every U.S. state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study.[1]

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The Communication Sciences and Disorders (MA) program is designed for in-person course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in the major in person within the state of Florida.

This program prepares students to be a speech-language pathologist by meeting the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Florida. The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is responsible for licensing, monitoring, disciplining, and educating speech-language pathologists and audiologists to assure competency and safety to practice in Florida. For information on all requirements for this credential,[2] please review the Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licensure requirements available here: https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/licensing/.

UCF Program Preparation in Other U.S. States and Territories[3]

We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any state other than Florida.

If you are interested in seeking licensure or certification outside the state of Florida, we encourage you to review the appropriate state licensing board information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions[4]

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located outside Florida during their first term of enrollment in the program. However, students may be eligible to enroll upon submission of a signed attestation of their intention to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

Programmatic Accreditation[5]

This program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CAA-ASHA). Programmatic accreditation is typically required for state-regulated licensure in this field. Recognition by CAA-ASHA is specific to the program and is distinct from UCF's institutional accreditation that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

Additional Information

Being "certified" means holding the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC), a nationally recognized professional credential that represents a level of excellence in the field of Audiology (CCC-A) or Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP). The certification requirements can be found on the ASHA website at http://www.asha.org/certification/SLPCertification.

Those who have achieved the CCC-ASHA certification have voluntarily met rigorous academic and professional standards, typically going beyond the minimum requirements for state licensure. They have the knowledge, skills and expertise to provide high-quality clinical services, and they actively engage in ongoing professional development to keep their certification current.

UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

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[1] As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1).
[2] As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e).
[3] Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.
[4] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).
[5] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).