Audiology and Communication Sciences

The Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences (PACS) offers exceptional graduate education programs in clinical audiology (AuD), deaf education (MSDE), and speech and hearing sciences (PhD) as well as an undergraduate minor in speech and hearing (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/speechhearing/#minors). As a member of a consortium of programs known as the Central Institute for the Deaf at Washington University School of Medicine, PACS is closely affiliated with the clinical and research programs of the Department of Otolaryngology (https://oto.wustl.edu/), including adult audiology clinics, the cochlear implant clinic, the dizziness and balance center, basic research centers, clinical research efforts and applied research centers. PACS offers the following graduate degree programs:

**Doctor of Audiology (AuD)**

The AuD is a four-year course of study that prepares students as independent clinical audiologists. Established in 1947, the audiology training program is among the oldest and most prestigious of its kind. Today, its curriculum serves as a national model, immersing students in academic course work, clinical experiences and research opportunities. The AuD program welcomes students from all undergraduate backgrounds, with no specific prerequisite course work required to apply. The AuD program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (https://www.asha.org/).

**Master of Science in Deaf Education (MSDE)**

The MSDE is a two-year course of study that prepares students as teachers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth to grade 12. With origins dating back to 1914, the program is internationally recognized as a leader in training educators and leaders in the field of deaf education. The program's comprehensive curriculum, emphasis on immersion in practice teaching, and experienced faculty attract students nationally from a wide variety of backgrounds. The MSDE program welcomes students from all undergraduate backgrounds, with no specific prerequisite course work required to apply. The MSDE program is accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (https://dese.mo.gov/) and the Council on Education of the Deaf (https://councilondeafed.org/).

**Speech and Hearing Sciences (PhD)**

The PhD program prepares students for academic and research careers in the speech and hearing sciences. Established in 1947, the program is dedicated to fostering scientific inquiry in the speech and hearing sciences and related disciplines. PhD students complete required course work, mentored teaching experiences, and research — including the dissertation — under the close mentorship of a faculty member. General areas of emphasis include audiology, deaf education, sensory neuroscience, and speech and language. An academic background in the field and research experience are required to be considered for admission to the PhD program.

**Additional Information**

Application and admission information (https://pacs.wustl.edu/admissions/) can be found on the PACS website. Additional information about the degrees offered by PACS can be found via links on the Degrees & Offerings (p. ) tab of this page. For complete information, please visit the PACS website (https://pacs.wustl.edu/).

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