



# Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Degree Programs

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**Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):** PhD  
**Name of Program (i.e. Biology):** Communicative Sciences and Disorders  
**Program CIP or X code:** 51.0204  
**Name of Concentration (i.e. Botany):** Speech, Language, Hearing, and Neurocommunicative Science  
**Proposed Effective Term (i.e. Spring 2006):** Fall, 2011  
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**College:** Behavioral and Community Sciences  
**Dept and Mail Code:** Communication Sciences & Disorders PCD 1017

APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Theresa Hnath-Chisolm		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Committee Chair	!!!!		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Dean/ Associate Dean	!!!!		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Concurrence*	Dept: !!!!! Chair: !!!!!		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Concurs <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	Chair or designee		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
Graduate School	GS Dean or designee		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

**BRIEF Summary of Changes:** The PhD faculty of Communication Sciences and Disorders would like to change their admission criteria to the PhD program from requiring a Master's degree to allowing people to pursue a PhD after completion of their bachelor's degree.

### Changes to a Degree Program

Follow the guidelines outlined by the Graduate Council at: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/curriculum.asp> .

- List the CURRENT requirements as presented in the Graduate Catalog and then **using track changes**, illustrate what the NEW requirements will be:

#### DEGREE INFORMATION

##### Program Admission Deadlines:

**Fall:** December 1 for full consideration; however applications are accepted until February 15

**Spring:** October 15

**Minimum Total Hours:** 90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate; 53 with a Master's degree

**Program Level:** Doctoral

**CIP Code:** 51.0204

**Dept Code:** CSD

**Program (Major/College):** CSD BC

#### ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

#### Program Admission Requirements

- three letters of recommendation

- a letter of intent
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and a GPA of at least 3.00; or a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution and a GPA of at least 3.00 or better (on a 4.00 scale) during graduate study. Students with a non-CSD background, may be required to take prerequisite coursework in the basic speech, language, and hearing sciences depending on career plans and desired area of focus.
- GRE scores at the 33rd percentile for Verbal, Quantitative and Writing subtests, taken within 5 years preceding the application. Students with lower scores may be offered admission on a conditional basis if the letter of intent and letters of recommendation are particularly strong. The GRE requirement may be waived for students with demonstrated research experience (e.g. previous publications).

2. What are these changes necessary or desired?

This change is needed because of the addition of a new research unit into our department who will draw individuals interested in a non-clinical degree and in response to the number of requests that we have received from people who wanted to enter our PhD program without pursuing the clinical Master's degree first.

Submit the signed original and 1 electronic copy of the complete packet to the Graduate School by the deadline posted online <http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp>. For questions, contact Carol Hines-Cobb at [chinescobb@grad.usf.edu](mailto:chinescobb@grad.usf.edu) or 813-974-4239.

*\*Concurrence - Consultation with units and departments providing related offerings or expertise is expected and encouraged.*