

CDS Academic Standards and Policies

In order to assist you in understanding the program's expectations for academic and clinical performance please review the following department policies regarding your academic and clinical work as a graduate student.

1. Students enrolled in the regular M.A. program and the Extended M.A. program are required to achieve a B or better in all CDS coursework regardless if it's an upper division pre-requisite leveling course (100 level) or graduate course (200 level) with the following exception given in No. 2 below.
2. Students are permitted a single instance of obtaining a B- grade in their academic (non-supervision) courses without consequence provided the overall GPA remains at 3.0 or above.
3. In the event a student receives a second instance of B- grade in a different course, the student will be placed on administrative academic probation and will have to repeat the course the next time it is offered on the schedule
4. In the event a student receives a third grade of B- or lower, the student will be administratively disqualified from the program.
5. In the event a graduate student receives a C+ or lower grade in any CDS course, the student will automatically be placed on administrative academic probation and will have to repeat the course the next time it is offered on the schedule.
6. In the event a graduate student receives two or more grades of C+ or below in CDS coursework, the student will be administratively academically disqualified from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.
7. Students who fail to achieve a 3.0 or better GPA in a semester, whether the cumulative GPA exceeds 3.0 or not, will automatically be placed on academic probation. Students who fail to achieve a 3.0 or better GPA a second time, whether consecutive semesters or not, will be academically disqualified from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.
8. Students will not be reinstated via a Program of Study option following an academic disqualification.

Supervision Coursework

The University has authorized this department to determine a graduate student's fitness for the profession in dimensions that extend beyond course grading. Primarily coming to light during clinical course work in the field or student teaching assignments, behavior or demeanor deemed to endanger patients or students or otherwise determined to render him or her unsuitable to continue in the program toward the master's degree or credential is cause for immediate action of administrative-academic disqualification from the program.

Written documentation of the reasons for dismissal must accompany the action. The disqualification, which can occur without any probationary period, may be appealed to the University Academic Disqualification and Reinstatement Review Committee. The disqualification is technically from the program only, not from the university as a whole. Because there is no unclassified status for graduate students, however, the action effectively disqualifies the student from the university with the exception that if another department or school should agree to accept the student into its program, reapplication to that program would allow the student to continue in the university.

The following policies apply to the clinical supervision courses offered by the program to meet ASHA, CCTC and CA License Board clinical practicum requirements. The courses covered by the following items include: EDAU 177, EDAU 277, EDSP 269, 276, 277, and 278.

1. Assignment to a clinic is an opportunity granted to students in good academic standing.
2. Students on administrative academic probation will not be permitted to enroll in any clinic practicum course until they are removed from probationary status.
3. Students who have an Incomplete or RP on their transcript will not be permitted to enroll in clinic until a letter grade of is awarded for the course.
4. In addition to academic considerations, students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner when engaged in clinical activities. Please note the following Professionalism Infraction Policy

In our constant efforts to ensure professionalism in future speech-language pathologists enrolled in this program, it is our intent to warn you with the Professionalism Infraction form of your lack of compliance in the following categories.

- Confidentiality
- Clinic Dress Code
- Respect for Faculty/Staff
- Client Care
- Following department policies and procedures (includes actions at off campus placements, and applying for externships)
- Honesty
- Plagiarism
- Other

Instances of egregious conduct in any of these categories is grounds for the dept. to deem you are unworthy of the profession and may result in immediate administrative academic disqualification with no opportunity for reinstatement.

This form will be entered into the student file. Two professionalism infractions will result in immediate disqualification from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.

Supervision Coursework Grade Policy

1. Students are expected to achieve a B or better grade in all clinical supervision coursework and CR for all clinical fieldwork courses.
2. Students receiving a B- or lower grade in a clinical course will have to repeat the course before they will be assigned to the next level of advanced clinical practicum.
3. If a student obtains a grade of B- or lower for the repeated course they will be disqualified from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.
4. If a student receives a grade of NC for a clinical fieldwork course they will be disqualified from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.

Comprehensive Examination Policy

Students in the CDS graduate program have the option of completing a thesis, or a major project, or taking a Comprehensive Examination to fulfill graduate school requirements for a culminating experience. Should you choose the Comprehensive Examination option please review the following:

1. Exams are administered 1x per semester usually on the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the final month of each regular academic year semester.
2. Should a student fail the exam on the first try, a reexamination will be scheduled within 8 (eight) weeks of the first administration. Students are required to retake the exam at this time even if the reexamination occurs during the summer session.
3. Should a student fail the exam on the second try, the student will have to wait until the next regularly scheduled semester administration to retake the exam.
4. Students will be permitted to take the comprehensive examination up to three times to achieve a passing score.
5. Once the comprehensive exam is administered, a student does not have the option of changing their culminating experience to thesis or project.
6. Failure to achieve a passing score upon the third administration will result in automatic disqualification from the program with no opportunity for reinstatement.

Appeal Process

1. For any disqualification delineated above there is a right of appeal to the academic disqualification and reinstatement review committee.