Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CMS) major offered through the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences in the College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP). We are pleased you are considering our program for completion of your bachelor's degree. The CMS track becomes limited access at the junior level, which means that you must apply and be accepted to the major as a junior to become part of the CMS program. Students interested in the program should apply for admission for the first Fall semester that they have accumulated at least 60 semester credit hours (i.e., the Fall of their junior year, or the first Fall after earning their Associate’s degree). Note that the application is due by the PRECEDING JANUARY 15th (January 15th before you become a junior)

The CMS major is designed for students who want to pursue graduate training in speech-language pathology or audiology. The program is a two-year, 60-credit curriculum covering the junior and senior years of undergraduate work. The curriculum provides the foundational skills necessary to succeed at the graduate level. Topics covered include the normal anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing, an introduction to disorders and their management, and critical communication, leadership and thinking skills. Upon successful program completion, students receive a Bachelor of Health Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

All students must apply regardless of whether you are already a declared major, are in another major at the University of Florida, or are from another academic institution that does not offer this major at the Bachelor’s level. If you want to be considered for admission and are a non-UF student, you must also apply separately for admission to the University. You can find information about University admission requirements and a UF application at the UF admissions website (www.admissions.ufl.edu) or call (352) 392-1365.

If you are a current UF student, you only need to apply to the CMS major. Printed on the next few pages is the information packet you need to apply, including general information about our application process and an application form. Please note that the deadline for receipt of application packets for admission in the Fall 2014 semester is January 15, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail, and we would be glad to help.

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APPLICATION MATERIALS: We must receive all of the following items (in one packet) in Dauer Hall 336 by January 15 to consider you for admission. Incomplete packets will not be processed. Your packet must include a transcript that includes Fall 2013 grades, if you took courses during that term.

- ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY COURSEWORK
- STUDENT APPLICATION FORM (Enclosed)
- ESSAY ON CAREER INTEREST FORM (Enclosed)
- RESUME INCLUDING WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

MINIMUM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: You must meet the minimal requirements to be considered for admission. All requirements must be completed by the end of Summer A of 2014 to be eligible for Fall admissions consideration. The minimal requirements are:

A. 2.7 cumulative grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) for all College level coursework
B. 3.0 grade point average in the prerequisite courses (listed below), with no grade less than a C. Prerequisite courses must have been completed in the last 7 years (since the 2007-2008 academic year). Community College students should consult a UF PHHP advisor (352-273-6400) for appropriate substitutions. AP or IB credit is acceptable for a maximum of two prerequisites.

- General Biology (3) BSC 2009 or BSC 2010 or equivalent
- Additional Biology (3) APK 2105C strongly recommended
- General Physical Science (3) Chemistry or Physics highly recommended
- Public/Interpersonal Communication (3) COM 1000, or SPC 2300, or SPC 2608, or equivalent
- General Psychology (3) - PSY 2012
- Additional Psychology (3) from one of the following: Physiological Psychology PSB 3004; or Developmental Psychology DEP 3053; or Abnormal Psychology CLP 3144
- Statistics (3) - STA 2023
- Science Lab (1) Physical or Biological Science

C. Completion of 60 semester credit hours of transferable college coursework. Undergraduates from Florida Public Community Colleges must have their AA degree by the end of Summer A term for Fall admission
D. Completion of all general education and Gordon Rule requirements. These include all general education courses, foreign language (if not completed in high school) and Gordon Rule writing and math requirements. The requirements for UF students are outlined in greater detail in both the UF Guide to Majors and the Undergraduate Catalog. The Undergraduate Catalog can be found on the UF admissions web page at: http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/.
E. Completion of volunteer/work experience in a community or health service field is strongly recommended.

Please note: Once admitted, you will need access to an appropriately equipped computer [e.g. Windows, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, etc.]. Immunizations and other requirements for our major are listed on our website and will be delineated in an e-mail when acceptances are finalized.

Finally, please note that due to space constraints, not everyone who meets the minimum requirements will necessarily be offered admission to the major. Transfer students: please note that final acceptance requires admission to BOTH UF and the major.