

**Review of MFA Results and Report on Curricular Change
2007-08
B.S. Communication Sciences & Disorders
(Degree change effective Fall 05)
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders**

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The results (N=17) of the 2007-08 academic year MFA assessment activities indicated:

a) *the students' opinion of the broad knowledge base provided by the program.*

1. Ninety-one percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the effectiveness of beginning courses in preparation for advanced courses when compared to 78% of the students in the same rating categories for the last reporting period.
2. One hundred percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the quality of instruction in the advanced courses, which is consistent with the results in the same rating categories for the last reporting period.

b) *the students' demonstration of competency in clinical skills.*

1. One hundred percent of the students (N=17) completed the clinical practicum. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
2. One hundred percent of the students (N=17) completed 100 clinical contact hours upon graduation. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
3. One hundred percent of the students (N=17) completed the required number of observations prior to enrollment in CSD 300. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
4. One hundred percent of the students (N=17) achieved a final grade of "C" or better on the *Cognitive Behavioral System Evaluation*. These data are consistent with findings from the last reporting period.
5. One hundred percent of the students (N=17) completed the ASHA Clinical Summary Form prior to graduation. These data are consistent with results from the last reporting period.

c) *The preparation of students for entry into master's program.*

1. Seventy-six percent (N=13/17) of the graduating seniors had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher when compared to 85% percent of the students who had the same cumulative GPA during the last reporting period.
2. The students are no longer required to take the PPST or C-S PPST. It is recommended that this item can be deleted from the UG MFA Plan when it is next revised.

d) *The students' opinion of positive pre-professional identity and life-long learning in terms of satisfaction of the students with pre-professional activities.*

1. One hundred percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the experience outside of the classroom which is consistent with the results in the same rating categories from the last reporting period.
2. Eighty-nine percent of the program's courses contained pre-professional activities (i.e., 16 out of 18 courses except for CSD 101 and CSD 213) this reporting period when compared to 81% of the program's courses during the last reporting period.
3. Approximately 86% of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with professional activities, associations or clubs this reporting period as compared to approximately 71% of the students in the same rating categories during the last reporting period.

A large number of indicators remained stable; however, there was an improvement in the students' satisfaction rate in effectiveness of the beginning courses in preparation for advanced courses and with professional activities, associations or clubs. There was also an increase in the percentage of the program's courses containing pre-professional activities, but there was decrease in the percentage of the graduating seniors who had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Students' narrative comments on the Departmental Exit surveys were all positive and acknowledged the quality of the faculty and the program in general. Future results will be monitored given the curriculum was changed beginning fall 2009. The outcomes will be continually evaluated and weaknesses will be addressed and appropriate program modifications will also be made based on the obtained data. Since the students are no longer

required to take the PPST or C-S PPST, it is recommended that this item can be deleted from the next UG MFA Plan.