

**Review of MFA Results and Report on Curricular Change
2004-05
B.S. Communication Sciences & Disorders
(Degree change effective Fall 05)
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders**

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The results (N=14) of the 2004-05 academic year MFA assessment activities indicated:

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

1. Seventy-eighty percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the effectiveness of beginning courses in preparation for advanced courses when compared to 80% 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 when compared to 100% of the students 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=21) completed the clinical practicum. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
2. One hundred percent of the students (N=21) 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=21) 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=21) achieved a 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=21) 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. Eighty-five percent (N=11/13) of the graduating seniors had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher when compared to 86% 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 when compared to 90% of the students in the same rating categories during the last reporting period.
2. Eighty-one percent of the program's courses contained pre-professional activities when compared to 73% of the program's courses during the last reporting period.
3. Approximately 71% of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with professional activities, associations or clubs this reporting period as compared to approximately 50% of the students in the same rating categories during the last reporting period.

Summary points:

- a) both indicators remained stable.
- b) all indicators remained stable; however, there was increase in the number of students (+30%) who were enrolled and completed the clinical course work. This is a significant increase, and the department will monitor enrollment to determine impact on faculty workload and provision of clinical services.
- c) The indicator remained stable.
- d) Students' opinions improved for the three indicators with the most significant improvement in d3-satisfaction with professional activities, association, and clubs. Reviews of data indicate that more students were listed as members of the student organization (NSSLHA) and attended or participated in the annual convention (ASHA).

Students' narrative comments were all positive and acknowledged the quality of the faculty and the program in general. Future results will be monitored, and the outcomes will be continually evaluated. Appropriate program modifications will also be continually 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.