

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (IDEALL), PH.D.

The Inter-Institutional Distance Education Agreement for Learning and Leadership in Communication Sciences and Disorders (IDEALL CSD) Ph.D. is an extension of the UNCG CSD Ph.D. program to part-time doctoral students living in the western region of North Carolina and will prepare those who pursue careers in higher education for research careers in the academy and other settings. IDEALL CSD Program will prepare both UNCG and WCU graduates to teach and mentor undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of research and clinical supervision delivery as they create new knowledge. The educational objective of IDEALL CSD is to prepare teachers, scholars, and professional leaders. This objective will be achieved by providing an innovative, responsive, high quality, and accessible course of study to part-time CSD doctoral students who have demonstrated excellent academic achievement in CSD or closely-related disciplines.

IDEALL CSD is a UNCG degree. Students apply to IDEALL CSD through the UNCG Graduate School and graduate with a UNCG Graduate doctoral degree.

The Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders is designed for advanced study in communication sciences and disorders, intersecting disciplines, and development of research and teaching strategies. Students with backgrounds in speech language pathology, audiology, or other disciplines are encouraged to explore with the faculty the new frontiers in scientific discovery that link previous academic achievement and future study. IDEALL CSD is designed for part-time doctoral study.

The program requires a minimum of 66 credit hours. Students who enter with a master's degree are required to earn 54 credits of coursework and 12 credits minimum of dissertation. IDEALL CSD doctoral students will follow the exact course requirements that on-campus UNCG CSD Ph.D. students are required to take. A listing of those core areas is found below.

The IDEALL CSD Ph.D. program requires students to obtain 66 credit hours with 27 credits completed through WCU and 39 credits completed through UNCG. WCU courses will be delivered in a face-to-face format while UNCG courses will be delivered via distance/hybrid/face-to-face technologies.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

Prospective students will apply to the IDEALL CSD Ph.D. program through the Graduate School at UNCG. Admission procedures will follow those described in the UNCG Graduate Bulletin and practiced by the doctoral program in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Applications to the IDEALL CSD Ph.D. Program are completed online through the UNCG Graduate School website. The following materials are required for an applicant to be considered for admission to the UNCG CSD Ph.D. Program:

- Current vita
- University Transcripts
- GRE scores; TOFL scores for international students.
- GPA minimum of 3.0

- Three letters of recommendation
- Sample of writing
- Interview with the CSD Director of Graduate Study for Doctoral Education and a potential faculty sponsor in the applicant's research area of expertise
- Deadline for application is February 1

A WCU faculty representative will sit on the program admissions committee for IDEALL CSD applicants., WCU will allow visiting IDEALL CSD students to enroll in courses pertaining to their studies. UNCG will remain the students' home institution.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 66 credit hours

Plan of Study and Individual Program Planning Committee (IPPC)

Each doctoral student will have an IPPC assigned by the UNCG CSD Department Chair. Admitted students will work with their CSD faculty mentor in designing the student's Plan of Study; the IPPC helps evaluate the student's needs and assists in developing the Plan of Study.

IDEALL CSD students will have a UNCG faculty sponsor as chair of their IPPC, in charge of directing the dissertation and the submission of all UNCG Graduate School forms. The UNCG CSD Department will submit names of WCU faculty with PhD adjunct appointments with UNCG, and the UNCG Adjunct WCU faculty can serve on an IDEALL CSD's student committee.

The student must pass each of the reviews and examinations listed below.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CSD Courses		18
Select 18 credits from Communication Sciences and Disorder (CSD) courses ¹		
Intersecting Disciplines		12
Select 12 credits of coursework in related disciplines ²		
Tools Courses ³		21
Select 12 credits in statistics ⁴		
Select 3 credits in teaching		
Select 3 credits in teaching practicum		
Select 3 credits in grant-writing		
Professional Seminars		3
CSD 751	Professional Seminars in Communication Sciences and Disorders ⁵	
Dissertation		12
CSD 799	Dissertation	

¹ CSD courses include CSD 760 Seminars, CSD 780 Independent Study, and CSD 790 Directed Research.

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² *IDEALL CSD doctoral students select a related minor area theme and take courses from one or more disciplines around that theme. Thus, not all the minor area courses will be taken in the same department. The Intersecting Disciplines are individualized for each doctoral student and will be the same requirement for WCU IDEALL CSD students. Many of our UNCG CSD students have selected courses from Psychology, Gerontology, and Special Education Departments for their Intersecting Disciplines topic area. With the approval of the IPPC, select at least 12 credits of coursework in a related discipline that is centered around a theme rather than a single area of study (i.e. aging, neuroscience, leadership, clinical supervision, etc.) The IPPC helps evaluate the student's needs and assists in developing the Plan of Study.*

³ *Students may select tools courses from CSD courses or interdisciplinary doctoral courses taught by the UNCG School of Health and Human Sciences. The UNCG CSD department and the UNCG School of Health and Human Sciences will offer hands-on practicum courses in the areas of teaching, grant writing, clinical supervision, and academic administration.*

⁴ *IDEALL CSD students may take a 5th statistics course and earn a minor in statistics. 12 credits of statistics courses at WCU. These courses will then be transferred to UNCG. This requirement follows the UNCG CSD Ph.D. program requirement of 12 credits of statistics courses. The CSD Department does not have a specific statistics course sequence that all students must follow. Most of our Ph.D. students take their statistics courses through the UNCG Educational Research Methodology department.*

⁵ *Students will take three terms of CSD 751 to fulfill this requirement.*

Reviews and Examinations

Qualifying Exams: The IPPC will prescribe the areas and elements of the exams. The exams will take place after at least three-quarters of the course work in the Plan of Study is completed and will follow the policies and guidelines as outlined in the UNCG Graduate School policies.

Dissertation: Dissertation Proposal Defense, Approval, and Advancement to Candidacy. Following completion of course work, qualifying exams, student will have an oral defense of their dissertation proposal (topic, literature review, and methods). Upon approval of their doctoral committee of their and approval of dissertation proposal, the student may make application to The Graduate School for admission to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

Final Oral Examination: Doctoral candidates will successfully pass an oral examination of their independent dissertation study to members of their doctoral committee.