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1.4 Historical Notes
The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, which is a part of the Faculty of Medicine, began its operation in September 1963 within the Division of Audiology and Speech Pathology of the Institute of Otolaryngology at the Royal Victoria Hospital. It was one of the first university departments in Canada to offer graduate training in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Originally the School offered a two-year professional program which led to the M.Sc., Applied. For the first few years, this provided joint qualification in Audiology and Speech Pathology, however, it was soon decided that specialization within one or the other area was necessary. Over the years, the student population has grown from 4 to more than 50 students and the full-time faculty from two to eight.

In keeping with the McGill tradition of excellence in research, the School was the first in Canada to offer a doctoral degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. In the past few years increased emphasis has been placed on research programs and in 1989, the M.Sc. program was modified so that students could receive both professional and research training at that stage. This modification provides the necessary background for students wishing to continue their studies at the doctoral level.

2 Programs Offered

The School offers a professional degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the M.Sc. (Applied) level with specialization in Speech-Language Pathology, and two research degrees, an M.Sc. (Research) and a Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Please note: The Audiology specialization of the M.Sc. (Applied) program has been suspended indefinitely.
2.1 M.Sc.(Applied) Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The professional degree leads to a Master of Science (Applied) with a specialization in Speech-Language Pathology. The program involves two academic years of full-time study and related practical work followed by a summer internship. To prepare students as creative professionals, the program emphasizes the understanding of principles and theories, and their present or potential clinical applications, in addition to the teaching of specific techniques for assessment and intervention. Active participation in the learning process is encouraged.

The profession of Speech-Language Pathology concerns assessment and intervention in speech and language disorders. In particular, the Speech-Language Pathologist is concerned with two major parameters of communication sciences and disorders: language and speech. At present, most speech-language pathologists in Canada work in hospitals, public school systems, rehabilitation centers, and in special education facilities.

2.1.1 Requirements for Licensure

The majority of provinces in Canada and certain states in the U.S.A. require that those intending to practice as Speech-Language Pathologists within their borders comply with special provincial or state licensing regulations. Graduates wishing to practice in the province of Quebec must be members of l'Ordre des Orthophonistes et Audiologistes du Québec (OOAQ) in order to call themselves Speech-Language Pathologists. Further information is available from the OOAQ, 1265 rue Berri, Bureau 730, Montreal, Quebec, H2L 4X4. Telephone: (514) 282-9123.

Quebec law requires that candidates seeking licensure in provincially recognized professions demonstrate a verbal and written working knowledge of the French language. See the Language Requirements for Professions in the General Information and Regulations Section.

2.2 Research Degrees – M.Sc. and Ph.D.

Selected candidates may be accepted for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. research degrees. Each student’s Thesis supervisor and Thesis Committee design an individualized program of study in collaboration with the student. The program can include graduate courses offered by the School and by other departments at McGill. Ph.D. Option in Language Acquisition (LAP) Information about this option is available from the School and on the following website: http://www.psych.mcgill.ca/lap/html

2.3 Funding

The IODE Provincial Chapter of Quebec funds two $1,000 “Silence to Sound” awards for studies in hearing impairment. These in-course awards based on academic merit, financial need, and potential for excellence are awarded by the School. Montreal League for the Hard of Hearing Award. Candidates must be enrolled at the graduate level in the School and working in the area of hearing impairment. Awarded by the School. Value – up to $1,000.

3 Admissions Requirements

3.1 M.Sc.(Applied)

An applicant must hold an undergraduate degree with a minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 point scale) or better in areas relevant to the selected field of specialization. Specific prerequisites are six credits in statistics, 12 credits in psychology, and six credits in linguistics. Knowledge of physiology is also desirable.

3.2 M.Sc. in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The M.Sc. provides research training for:

1. students who are also taking courses for professional qualification;
2. students who have a non-thesis professional degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders; and
3. students with degrees in related fields who wish to do research but not obtain professional qualification in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

3.3 Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Applicants should normally have a Master's degree with thesis or its equivalent in Communication Sciences and Disorders or a related field (e.g. psychology, linguistics).

Students who possess an appropriate Bachelor’s degree or Master’s degree without thesis will also be considered for the Ph.D. program, but, if admitted, must first complete a qualifying year of coursework and a research project in the School (“fast-track” option).

4 Application Procedures

4.1 M.Sc.(Applied)

The complete application should be submitted directly to the School’s Admissions Secretary and must be received by February 1, or it may not be considered for the following academic year. Applications will be considered upon receipt of:

1. completed application and information forms
2. two official copies of all university transcripts (only one official transcript from McGill University)
3. two letters of recommendation from professors (on the appropriate forms)
4. listing of relevant courses completed and in progress, relevant experience, and publications
5. statement of interest
6. a $60 application fee (money order, certified cheque or credit card - Amex, MC, Visa)
7. students living outside of Canada whose first language is not English and who have not received university education in English must also provide official reports of their score on the “Test of English as a Foreign Language” (TOEFL). A score of 550 or better on the paper-based test (213 on the computer-based test) is required for admission.

4.2 M.Sc. (thesis) and Ph.D. programs

Applications should be submitted directly to the School’s Admissions Secretary. Applications are processed when they are received. However, students must apply no later than February 22 for fall admission, October 25 for winter admission, and January 25 for summer admission. Students who are accepted early for the fall admission generally have the most options with respect to applying for external funding. Applications will be considered upon receipt of:

1. to 7. as above, plus
8. Students who have completed any of their post-secondary education outside of Canada or the United States, must submit official reports of their performance on the General Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants should send a photocopy of their personal report as soon as it is received.

Other applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit reports of their performance on the GRE.
5 Program Requirements

5.1 Academic Regulations and Calendar of Dates

The general rules concerning higher degrees apply. These regulations and the Calendar of Dates relevant to graduate programs can be found in the General Information, Faculty Regulations and Research Guidelines section of the Graduate Studies and Research Calendar.

5.2 Vaccination Requirements

Students in the School must comply with the Vaccination Requirements as outlined on page 9.

5.3 M.Sc.(Applied) Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (68 credits)

The professional degree program leads to a Master of Science, Applied degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a specialization in Speech-Language Pathology. The program involves two academic years of full-time study and related practical work followed by a summer internship.

Please note: The Audiology specialization of the M.Sc. (Applied) program has been suspended indefinitely.

M.Sc.(Applied) – Speech-Language Pathology Specialization

Year 1 Required Courses (31 credits)

401-616A (3) Audiology
401-617A (3) Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing
401-619A (3) Phonological Development
401-624A (3) Language Processes
401-633A (3) Language Development
401-681A (1) Practicum and Seminar I
401-631B (3) Speech Science
401-632B (3) Phonological Disorders in Children
401-637B (3) Developmental Language Disorders I
401-638B (3) Neurolinguistics
401-682B (1) Practicum and Seminar II
401-646C (2) Clinical Practicum

Year 1 Complementary Course (3 credits)

One three-credit seminar option must be taken.

Year 2 Required Courses (31 credits)

401-618A (3) Research & Measurement Methodologies
401-636A (3) Fluency Disorders
401-639A (3) Voice Disorders
401-643A (3) Developmental Language Disorders II
401-644A (3) Applied Neurolinguistics
401-683A (1) Practicum and Seminar III
401-609B (3) Neuromotor Disorders
401-642B (3) Aural Rehabilitation
401-646B (3) Communicatively Disordered Person: Practice
401-646B (3) Special Developmental Speech/Language Problems
401-684B (1) Practicum and Seminar IV
401-679C (2) Advanced Clinical Practicum

Year 2 Complementary Course (3 credits)

One three-credit seminar option must be taken.

M.Sc.(Applied) Complementary Course List

401-634B (3) Research & Measurement Methodologies II
401-649B (3) Psycholinguistics of Gesture & Sign Language
401-664B (3) Topics in Comm. Sciences & Disorders I
401-666B (3) Topics in Comm. Sciences & Disorders II
401-667B (3) Topics in Comm. Sciences & Disorders IV
401-670B (3) Topics in Comm. Sciences & Disorders II

A seminar may also be taken outside of the School upon approval of a faculty advisor.

5.4 M.Sc. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (45 credits)

M.Sc. candidates must complete at least 45 credits, including a minimum of 24 and a maximum of 3 credits for thesis research (courses 401-671, 401-672, 401-673 and 401-674), and a minimum of 6 credits in other courses. The non-thesis credits can be special topic courses in the School and/or courses in other departments, as arranged with the student's thesis supervisor.

Thesis Component – Required (24 credits)

401-671 (12) M.Sc. Thesis I
401-672 (12) M.Sc. Thesis II

Complementary Courses (21 credits)

a maximum of 15 credits may be chosen from:

401-673 (12) M.Sc. Thesis III
401-674 (3) M.Sc. Thesis IV

a minimum of 6 credits must be chosen from:

401-675DA,B,C (12) Special Topics I
401-676DA,B,C (9) Special Topics II
401-677DA,B,C (6) Special Topics III
401-678A,B (3) Special Topics IV

or courses in other departments, as arranged with the student’s thesis supervisor.

5.5 Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ph.D. students must complete a full graduate course in statistics and both advanced research seminars as well as the other course requirements in their individual program of study, and pass a comprehensive examination. Students entering the Ph.D. program through the fast-tract option must additionally demonstrate the ability to complete a research project and related coursework during the initial year. An examination in a foreign language is not required.

Required Courses

401-652A,B (3) Advanced Research Seminar I
401-653A,B (3) Advanced Research Seminar II
401-685A,B,C,T (3) Research Project I
401-686A,B,C,T (3) Research Project II
401-701A,B,D Doctoral Comprehensives

6 Courses

The letters which form part of the course numbers have the following significance:

A – fall term
B – winter term
C – summer session courses starting in May
D – fall and winter term

The names of course instructors are listed on the Course Timetable available on InfoMcGill via the Web http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/

The course credit weight is given in parentheses after the title.

401-609B NEUROMOTOR DISORDERS. (3) The focus of this course will be on the assessment and management of motor speech disorders, associated with both acquired and developmental neuromotor disorders, and swallowing disorders (of both neuromotor and structural origin).

401-616A AUDIOLOGY. (3) Basic diagnostic and rehabilitative procedures, goals and procedures used in clinical audiology, and the psychoacoustic theories on which they are based will be presented.

401-617A ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF SPEECH AND HEARING. (3) The anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing mechanisms will be covered. Topics will include neuroanatomy, the anatomy and physiology of the head, neck and upper torso, and the external, middle, and inner ear.
401-618A Research and Measurement Methodologies I. (3) Methodologies used in research and measurement in the field of communication sciences and disorders will be introduced. Topics covered include: the nature and interpretation of test norms; validity; interpretation of test score differences; and questionnaire development (scaling). Tests currently used in speech-language pathology and audiology are examined.

401-619A Phonological Development. (3) Theories and research related to normal and abnormal phonological development in children will be studied.

401-624A Language Processes. (3) The structure and nature of on-line processing of the language code, and the interaction of structure and function of language will be studied. Theories about the nature of representation and research concerning its processing, and the role of sociocultural factors in linguistic performance also will be covered.

401-631B Speech Science. (3) The acoustic analysis and perception of speech and related pathologies will be presented. Theories and models of speech production, speech motor control, and speech perception will be considered.

401-632B Phonological Disorders in Children. (3) The nature of phonological disorders and clinical approaches for their remediation in children will be presented.

401-633A Language Development. (3) Theories of language acquisition, prerequisites to language development, and current issues in research will be studied. Topics include the role of input, individual differences in acquisition, and language socialization.

401-634B Research and Measurement Methodologies II. (3) This course addresses the strengths and weaknesses of various research designs. Issues concerning the analysis and interpretation of research results also will be discussed.

401-636A Fluency Disorders. (3) The nature of stuttering, various causal theories, and techniques for evaluation and treatment of children and adults will be presented.

401-637B Developmental Language Disorders I. (3) The nature of developmental language disorders and the assessment of language competence and performance in both speaking and non-speaking children will be studied.

401-638B Neurolinguistics. (3) Current theories of language-brain relationships and speech and language deficits subsequent to brain damage will be studied. A review of current research on phonetic, lexical, and syntactic processing in brain-damaged individuals is included.

401-639A Voice Disorders. (3) Information about the vocal mechanism, its pathologies, and methods of evaluation and treatment will be studied.

401-642B Aural Rehabilitation. (3) This course addresses the effects of hearing impairment in adults as well as in the developing child with attention to problems in speech, language, and cognitive function as well as social-emotional adjustment. Various intervention approaches are examined.

401-643B Developmental Language Disorders II. (3) Major theories of language disorders are translated into intervention principles used in language treatment programs. Adaptations of intervention techniques to suit specific disorders (including augmentative communication) will be explored.

401-644A Applied Neurolinguistics. (3) Various classificatory systems and appropriate assessment and remediation principles for brain-damaged individuals will be covered. Theoretical and clinical issues relevant to treatment of aphasic, neuromotor, and memory disorders will be considered.

401-646C Clinical Practicum. (2) This course provides an introduction to professional practice through intensive exposure to a variety of clinical populations.

401-649B Psycholinguistics of Gesture and Sign Language. (3) Gestured under two naturally occurring conditions is examined: (1) spontaneous speech where gesture serves as an adjunct to communication, and (2) sign language where gesture is the primary means of communication. The development of these gestural phenomena in the absence and presence of various communication disorders is also examined.

401-652A,B Advanced Research Seminar I. (3) Pro seminar in which current research topics in communication disorders will be discussed. (This course may be taken as an advanced course for M.Sc. students.)

401-653A,B Advanced Research Seminar II. (3) Pro seminar in which current research topics in communication disorders will be discussed. (This course may be taken as an advanced course for M.Sc. students.)

401-664B Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders I. (3) Current research and professional issues in communication sciences and disorders will be discussed. Specific topics to be selected yearly.

401-666B Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders III. (3) Current research and professional issues in communication sciences and disorders will be discussed. Specific topics to be selected yearly.

401-667B Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders IV. (3) Current research and professional issues in communication sciences and disorders will be discussed. Specific topics to be selected yearly.

401-668B Communicatively Disordered Person: Practice. (3) This course addresses clinical and supervisory processes, the social and emotional impact of communicative disabilities, and professional issues related to the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology.

401-669B Special Developmental Speech/Language Problems. (3) Information pertinent to cerebral palsy, cleft palate, autism, mental retardation, multiple handicaps and syndromes involving speech and language disorders will be presented. General descriptions of the disorders and specific assessment and remedial procedures will be addressed.

401-670B Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders II. (3) Current research and professional issues in communication sciences and disorders will be discussed. Specific topics to be selected yearly.

401-679C Advanced Clinical Practicum. (2) This course enhances professional practice independence through intensive exposure to a variety of clinical populations.

401-681A Practicum and Seminar I. (1) Course provides initial practicum experiences including a combination of the following: speech/language and hearing screenings, facility tours, short-term placements and laboratory assignments.

401-682B Practicum and Seminar II. (1) This course provides clinical experience through short-term placements and screenings, as well as discussions of current practicum issues.

401-683A Practicum and Seminar III. (1) Professional practice experiences focusing on a variety of clinical populations are provided. Discussion of advanced issues in clinical practice is included.

401-684B Practicum and Seminar IV. (1) This course provides clinical practicum experiences in a range of settings. Professional practice issues are considered.

401-685A,B,C,D Research Project I. (3) Supervised research project.

401-686A,B,C,D Research Project II. (3) Supervised research project.