Stephen F. Austin State University  
College of Education  
Department of Human Services  
Communication Sciences & Disorders Program  
Language Disorders in Children  
CSDS 3310.001.202210  
Fall 2021

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Course Time & Location:  T/TH: 11:00-12:15;  
HSTC 321

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Credits: 3 hours

Prerequisites: acceptance into the communication sciences and disorders undergraduate program or the pre-audiology undergraduate program.

I. Course Description: Study of the principles and procedures for identification, assessment, and treatment of language impairments in children. The course will focus on different categories of children with language impairments, such as children with specific language impairment, hearing loss, intellectual disabilities, and autism. Students must obtain a minimum grade of C to receive credit toward degree plan.

Credit Hour Statement  
CSDS 3310 “Language Disorders in Children” (3 credits) meets twice each week (Tuesday/Thursday) in 75-minute segments for 15 weeks, and also meets for a 2-hour final examination. Students have significant weekly reading assignments, five quizzes over chapter readings, two outside of class projects, 2 exams, and a final examination. Students are required to make a class presentation over the second project. These activities average at a minimum 5 hours of work each week to prepare outside of classroom hours.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives: (Program/Student Learning Outcomes) This course reflects the following core values of the College of Education (see the COE Conceptual Framework at www.sfasu.edu/education/about/accreditations/ncate/conceptual):  
• Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking  
• Life-long learning  
• Collaboration and shared decision-making  
• Openness to new ideas, to culturally diverse people, and to innovation and change  
• Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior  
• Service that enriches the community.
This course also supports the objectives of the Department of Human Services:
The Department of Human Services prepares undergraduates and graduate students for leadership and service roles in East Texas and the global community. The department is committed to incorporation of community-based, service-learning experiences within its educational programs to maximize the advancement of students’ personal and professional development.

This course also supports the mission of the Speech-Language Pathology Program.
The mission of the Speech-Language Pathology Program is to prepare knowledgeable caring professionals committed to educating the public, properly diagnosing and effectively treating persons with communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan, thereby improving their quality of life. To meet this mission, the program embraces cultural and linguistic diversity, emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practice, critical thinking skills, interdisciplinary collaboration, ethical principles and continued professional development throughout one’s career.

Program Learning Outcomes: This course supports the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology program learning outcomes (PLOs) four and five. These competencies are measured by successful completion of all course requirements, including examinations and quizzes, group discussion and activities, written assignments, and projects:

1. The student will demonstrate knowledge of major anatomical structures utilized in the communication process.
2. The student will demonstrate knowledge of physiological processes utilized in communication.
3. The student will recognize and articulate the foundational skills related to normal speech and language development.
4. The student will demonstrate understanding of the process of assessing communication disorders.
5. The student will analyze, interpret, and synthesize evidence-based procedures in the treatment of communication disorders.
6. The student will demonstrate professional writing skills appropriate for clinical management.

Student Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course, students will demonstrate, by performance on examinations, projects/presentation, class discussion, and interactive group activities an understanding of the following:

1. The student will explain different theories influencing language development.
2. The student will explain and administer different assessments of language for children.
3. The student will develop language goals, research a language intervention strategy, and develop a therapy activity, which will be presented to the class.
4. The student will describe language characteristics of children with specific language impairment and implications for assessment and intervention.
5. The student will describe language characteristics of children with hearing loss and implications for assessment and intervention.
6. The student will describe language characteristics of children with intellectual disability and implications for assessment and intervention.
8. The student will explain different types and features of augmentative and alternative communication.

9. The student will describe multicultural issues and implications for assessment and intervention.

These competencies are measured by successful completion (70% or above) of all course requirements including examinations, group discussion and activities, written assignments, and projects.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, & use of Technology:

Reading Assignments: Text chapters that correspond to selected course topics/activities are listed on the course schedule, below. The listing is comprehensive and according to the dates the topics will first be introduced. By completing the readings, you will be better prepared to contribute to class discussions, clarify answers to questions about topics you do not understand and complete outside assignments and scheduled examinations.

Examinations: There will be three scheduled examinations. Each exam may consist of multiple choice, True/False, fill in the blank, and short answer items. Examination dates are listed on the course schedule below.

Chapter Quizzes: There will be 5 quizzes throughout the semester worth 10 points each over chapter readings (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 11). Quizzes may not be made up.

Assessment Assignment: CELF-5 or CASL-2 Administration & Scoring: This is a group assignment. DUE: October 7th (100 points). Directions are in D2L. (Standards IV-B, IV-C, IV-D)

Intervention Assignments: Language Intervention OnePager and Therapy Activity: Write one language goal in the area of form, content, or use. Research in depth one language intervention strategy that was discussed during the semester that could be used to address the goal. Create a therapy activity addressing the goal and describe how you will incorporate the intervention strategy. Create a OnePager to visually explain your information. Directions are in D2L. You will turn in the OnePager and present your therapy activity in class. DUE: November 18th (100 points). (Standard IV-D)

Participation: Successful class interactions depend on prepared and present communicators! You are expected to attend each class and to participate in all class discussions and activities. This includes actively listening, asking and answering questions, expressing your opinion. Diversions due to personal notes, visiting, on a website not related to class, or working on day planners, are not considered appropriate and will be addressed as observed. Cell phones are to be turned on “silent” mode during class. Texting during class (reading, composing, or sending messages) is NOT accepted and will be addressed as observed. Participation points will also be based on completion of activities during class, outside of class assignments, and “student introduction” assignment. Each student will begin the semester with 50 participation points. Five points will be deducted from your participation points, each time a participation issue has to be addressed or “student introduction” assignment, in class activity, or outside of class assignment is not submitted. Once all participation points are deducted, points will then be deducted from your overall course points.
IV. Evaluation and Assessment:

GRADING:

Three scheduled exams @ 100 points each
(Standards IV-B, IV-C, IV-D)  300
Assessment Assignment:
   CELF-5/CASL Administration & Scoring  100
   (Standards IV-B, IV-C, IV-D)
Intervention Assignments:
   Language Intervention OnePager & Therapy Activity  100
   (Standard IV-D)
Quizzes- (Ch. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11)  50
   (Standards IV-B, IV-C, IV-D)
Participation  50

Total  600 points

A  89.5-100%
B  79.5-89.4%
C  69.5-79.4%
D  59.5-69.4%
F  59.4% and below

Grade Calculation: (Points earned to date) X 100 = (Grade)  
(Points possible to date)

LATE POLICY: If you have written excused documentation of absence and Instructor determined it is adequate documentation for an excused absence, you must turn in assignment or take exam immediately upon return. If you turn in work late without an absence or documentation of absence, it may be turned in 1 day late with a 50% deduction. No late work will be accepted after that.

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

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<td>Course Overview &amp; Syllabus</td>
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<td>Language Terms; EBP</td>
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<td>Assessment of Language Disorders</td>
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<td>Early Childhood Intervention</td>
<td>Read ECI Journal Articles and answer questions Access ECI Parent Handbook during class</td>
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<td>Children with Specific Language Impairment</td>
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<td>Augmentative and Alternative Communication</td>
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<td>Guest Speaker: AAC</td>
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<td>Children with Hearing Loss</td>
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<td>Work on Intervention Assignment- Attend NSSLHA Conference on 11/5</td>
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VI. Required Readings

VII. Course Evaluations:
Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the College of Education Electronically evaluate courses taken within the COE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: (1) Course and program improvement, planning and accreditation; (2) Instruction evaluation purposes; and (3) making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the COE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore your response is critical!

In the College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all rating and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7
Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports (including the first 12-day attendance report) and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

Attendance policy for this course: You will be responsible for signing in each class through Microsoft Office Forms, which will be posted in D2L. If you forget to sign in during the class period, you will be considered absent. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain handouts and class notes from your peers. If you miss class during an exam or other assignment that a grade was given, you are responsible for providing written documentation for an excused absence upon return, so that you may make up the grade. For all make-ups, you are responsible for scheduling the make-up within one week of the missed class.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004/468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.
**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism, as well as the appeal process.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source;
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty:**

Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, resubmission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

**Student Appeals:**

A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades: Policy 5.5**

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

If a student has been found guilty of academic dishonesty, a grade of “WP” or “WH” may be changed to “WF” at the discretion of the faculty member. In the case of a grade change to “WF”, the course will not count towards the six course drop limit since the student is incurring an academic penalty.

**Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4**
Interference or disruption of students, faculty, administration, staff, the educational mission, or routine operations of the university is prohibited. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, behavior in a classroom or instructional program that interferes with the instructor or presenter’s ability to conduct the class or program, or the ability of others to profit from the class or program. To remain in the vicinity of activity that is disrupting normal university functions when requested to leave by a university official is prohibited. Bystanders, if their presence incites or adds to the disruption, as well as more active participants in the disruptive activity, may be in violation of this policy as well. Engaging in physical violence of any nature against any person. This includes fighting; assaulting; battering; using a knife, gun, or other weapon; or acting in a manner that threatens or endangers the physical health or safety of any person or causes a reasonable apprehension of such harm.

The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program at SFA.

SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
3rd Floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

**Crisis Resources:**
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

**IX. Other Relevant Course Information:**
Communication for this course will be done through Brightspace; [https://d2l.sfasu.edu](https://d2l.sfasu.edu). Please check Brightspace often to get announcements, print out handouts, check your grades, etc.

If you have difficulty accessing Brightspace, contact Student Support – 498-1919

For a quicker response to emails, please email me at petersend@sfasu.edu instead of through Brightspace. I will respond to emails/phone calls within 24-48 hours, Mon.-Fri.