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To: Connie Foster, Chancellor  
116 North Hall  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From: David Rainville, Chair  
Faculty Senate  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2008/2009/38

At the November 19, 2008 meeting of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty senate, motion 2008-2009/38 was passed. This motion is forwarded for your action.

A motion from AP&P for a substantial change in the Graduate Program in  
Communicative Disorders Major.

X Approved

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

Connie Foster  
Connie Foster, Chancellor

12-8-08  
Date



### **Rationale for COMD Program Change:**

At its April 7, 2008 departmental meeting, the COMD faculty voted to change the number, title, and content of COMD 551: Cleft Palate and Orofacial Anomalies. Cleft palate is a low incidence impairment that causes a resonance disorder. Resonance disorders are considered part of a larger group of disorders known as voice disorders. Department members agreed that the content of COMD 551 could be expanded to include prevention, etiologies, characteristics, assessment, and intervention for all voice disorders, rather than a focus on resonance disorders alone. The information regarding cleft palate will be condensed and integrated within the larger context of voice disorders. The course will now be titled COMD 720: Voice and Resonance Disorders.

Previously, the larger context of voice disorders was addressed in an undergraduate course (COMD 460). This course is also being revised, with an emphasis on prevention, etiologies, and characteristics of voice disorders. Assessment and intervention will be addressed at an overview/awareness level. The revised graduate course will provide an overview of prevention, etiologies and characteristics of voice disorders. Assessment and intervention strategies for all voice disorders will be emphasized, including a focus on instrumentation.

This change is reflective of the trend in pre-service training in our profession. As part of the Council for Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) Standard 3.0, graduate students are required to demonstrate knowledge (and skill) in voice and resonance. This curricular revision will ensure that our graduate students are provided this opportunity.

This change will require dropping COMD 551 from the curriculum and replacing it with COMD 720.

## Master of Science (MS) in Communicative Disorders

### Current MS Curriculum

### Proposed MS Curriculum

#### *Required Specialization Courses (27 credits)*

COMD 715 Research Methods in COMD  
COMD 716 Anatomy/Physiology of the CNS  
COMD 717 Neuropathologies  
COMD 730 Audiology II  
COMD 750 Dysphagia  
COMD 762 Dev. Lang. Disorders  
COMD 764 Augmentative/Alt. Comm. Sys.  
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#### *Required Elective Courses (9 credits)*

#### **COMD 551 Cleft Palate**

COMD 589 Special Topics  
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#### **COMD 551 Voice and Resonance Disorders\***

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#### *Elective Courses (0 – 8 credits)*

COMD 798 Independent Research  
COMD 799 Thesis

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COMD 773 Practicum in Schools  
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## Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Communicative Disorders

### Current MSE Curriculum

### Proposed MSE Curriculum

#### *Required Specialization Courses (27 credits)*

COMD 715 Research Methods in COMD  
COMD 716 Anatomy/Physiology of the CNS  
COMD 717 Neuropathologies  
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#### *Professional Education Core (3 – 4 credits)*

#### *Choose one of the following:*

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TED 750 Advanced Educ. Psychology  
TED 755 Social Issues in Education

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