

Doctoral Program in AAC Communication Sciences & Disorders The Pennsylvania State University



The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Penn State University offers an outstanding doctoral program in the area of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).

The Ph.D. program is designed to develop high quality researchers, teachers, scholars and future leaders in the AAC field.

Generous financial support for doctoral students during their training is made possible by Grant #H325D110008 from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Penn State program offers a vibrant community of faculty, actively engaged in a variety of roles:

- The program at Penn State is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the top research programs focused on the needs of children who require AAC;
- The core academic and clinical faculty have more than 40 externally funded grants, over 180 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and over 500 presentations at state, national, and international conferences, active involvement on editorial boards, and extensive experience in evidence based practice in AAC.

Students in the program have access to a comprehensive curriculum with in-depth exposure to issues related to AAC:

- Core courses dedicated to AAC, including advanced topics in AAC, interdisciplinary approaches to evidence-based practice, and diversity and global issues in AAC;
- Related coursework in statistics, methodology, and elective areas of language, neurology, grant writing, etc., that help to train students with a breadth of knowledge;
- Completion of at least three mentored research projects, structured to result in conference presentations and publications over the course of study;
- Direct experience with teaching, including classroom teaching and mentorship of research and/or clinical experiences of pre-service students (undergraduate or Master's level).

If you are interested in learning more:

- Contact Janice Light, Ph.D, at JCL4@psu.edu, or;
- Visit the website (<http://aac.psu.edu>) or scan our QR code:



The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment.

