

The AAC Leadership 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). Generous financial support for doctoral students during their training is made possible by Grant # H325D170024 from the U.S. Department of Education.

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

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 60 externally funded grants, over 300 publications in peer-reviewed journals, over 500 conference presentations, and extensive experience in evidence based practice in AAC.

Students participate in a **comprehensive curriculum** addressing 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.;
- Completion of at least three mentored research projects, structured to result in conference presentations and publications;
- Direct experience with teaching, including classroom teaching and mentorship of research and/or clinical experiences of pre-service students.

For more information, please visit our website (<http://aac.psu.edu/?p=3800>), and contact: Janice Light, Ph.D, (JCL4@psu.edu)

