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Program Request
Utah State University
Communicative Disorders & Deaf Education
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Section I: Request

The Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, requests discontinuation of the specialization “audiology” under the MA, MS, MEd, and AuD degrees in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

The specialization was necessary to differentiate the discipline of study when all three departmental divisions had a master’s degree (Audiology, Deaf Education, Speech-Language Pathology). There is no longer a master’s degree option in audiology since the change to entry-level clinical doctorate (AuD). Additionally, a specialization of “audiology” in the discipline-designated degree AuD (doctor of Audiology) is redundant.

Section II: Need

A specialization in audiology is no longer associated with any departmental master’s degree. As well, a specialization of “audiology” for the AuD degree is redundant. All students currently in the program are pursuing the AuD. All future audiology students will be pursuing the AuD.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposed change will have no effect on enrollment since the AuD, a clinical doctorate which became entry level, has been in place and has enrolled students. We have no affiliations with other departments or programs that would be affected by the removal of the audiology specialization in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. No change in faculty, staff, physical facilities or equipment would occur. This is primarily an administrative change.

Section IV: Finances

This will have no financial cost or benefit.