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# 2.1 M.Sc.(Applied) Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The professional degree leads to a Master of Science (Applied) with a specialization in Speech-Language Pathology. The program involves two academic years of full-time study and related practical work followed by a summer internship. To prepare students as creative professionals, the program emphasizes the understanding of principles and theories, and their present or potential clinical applications, in addition to the teaching of specific techniques for assessment and intervention. Active participation in the learning process is encouraged.

The profession of Speech-Language Pathology concerns assessment and intervention in speech and language disorders. In particular, the Speech-Language Pathologist is concerned with two major parameters of communication sciences and disorders: language and speech. At present, most speech-language pathologists in Canada work in hospitals, public school systems, rehabilitation centres, and in special education facilities.

#### 2.1.1 Requirements for Licensure

The majority of provinces in Canada and certain states in the U.S.A. require that those intending to practice as Speech-Language Pathologists within their borders comply with special provincial or state licensing regulations. Graduates wishing to practice in the province of Quebec must be members of l'Ordre des Orthophonistes et Audiologistes du Québec (OOAQ) in order to call themselves Speech-Language Pathologists. Further information is available from the OOAQ, 1265 rue Berri, Bureau 730, Montreal, Quebec, H2L 4X4. Telephone: (514) 282-9123.

Quebec law requires that candidates seeking licensure in provincially recognized professions demonstrate a verbal and written working knowledge of the French language. See the Language Requirements for Professions in the General Information and Regulations Section.

### 2.2 Research Degrees - M.Sc. and Ph.D.

Selected candidates may be accepted for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. research degrees. Each student's Thesis supervisor and Thesis Committee design an individualized program of study in collaboration with the student. The program can include graduate courses offered by the School and by other departments at McGill.

#### Ph.D. Option in Language Acquisition (LAP)

Information about this option is available from the School and on the following website: http://www.psych.mcgill.ca/lap/html.

## 2.3 Funding

The IODE Provincial Chapter of Quebec funds two \$1,000 "Silence to Sound" awards for studies in hearing impairment. These in-course awards based on academic merit, financial need, and potential for excellence are awarded by the School.

Montreal League for the Hard of Hearing Award. Candidates must be enrolled at the graduate level in the School and working in the area of hearing impairment. Awarded by the School. Value – up to \$1,000.

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