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100% Employment for CSUSM’s First Master of Arts in Education, CSD Graduating Class

Ashley Wright (left), and Glynnis Hubbard (right) are just two of 25 students to find jobs before or immediately after graduating from the first cohort of M.A. Education, specialization in Communicative Sciences Disorders program from CSUSM.

San Marcos, CA – The first cohort or class of Master of Arts in Education students graduating from California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) with a specialization in Communicative Sciences Disorders (CSD) this year all found jobs before, or immediately after, graduating.

Area residents Ashley Wright and Glynnis Hubbard are representative of the 25 person class. Hubbard now works as a speech language therapist with Palomar Health. She is passionate about her career choice and the practical experience and thorough academic training that prepared her for a successful career.

“What was different about CSUSM was that I shadowed therapists when I was taking prerequisite classes and trying to figure out if this was something I wanted to do. As soon as I started the Master’s program, I learned that internships were simply a way of life. We were all involved in internships from the time we started the program until we finished. It was motivating because we then came back into the classroom and discussed what we’d need to do to be successful in our careers.”

Ashley Wright’s tipping point was the realization that she had an opportunity for clinical training in both schools and hospitals as part of her MA program. She chose to work at San Eligo School in San Marcos...
immediately after graduation, knowing she preferred the school setting. “CSUSM’s program was a perfect fit. Not only did I obtain rigorous academic training but I was also exposed to a wide range of clinical settings and experiences. As a result, by the time I graduated I was confident and well-prepared. From Day 1 after graduation, I knew I was ready to go into the workplace and make a meaningful difference. I knew the school setting was right for me.”

The M.A. in Education with an option in Communicative Sciences Disorder (CSD) is unique at CSUSM because it is taught in a cohort model where the same group of students begins the program and work through all classes sequentially and together, providing peer support and guaranteeing time-to-graduation. Members of the 2012 graduating class are all currently employed in schools and health care centers in the San Diego and Southwest Riverside county region. For additional information about CSUSM’s CSD program, please visit www.csusm.edu/el/csd

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