I. Course Description

CSD 638-01 provides instruction in hearing screening for graduate students in speech-language pathology. Hearing screening is within the scope of practice of speech-language pathologists, provided that they have "received formal instruction and practicum in audiometric screening as part of his or her training" (21 NCAC 64 .0212). Thus, this course provides students with required information regarding hearing screening equipment and methodology in a classroom setting prior to clinical experience. Students will enroll in this course during Fall semester of the first year of graduate study for one semester credit hour.

II. Student Learning Objectives (meets the following KASA Standards for ASHA Certification in Speech-Language Pathology)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

A. Demonstrate competence in performing a hearing screening (III-C & IV-G-1.a).
B. Identify the need for referral or further testing (IV-G-2.g).
C. Demonstrate knowledge of documentation procedures for hearing screening (III-C & IV-G-1.a).

III. Course Prerequisites

An introductory course in audiology is required prior to taking this course.
IV. Course Materials

A. UNCG Speech and Hearing Center documents (available on Blackboard):
   - Hearing Screening Procedures
   - Play Audiometry
   - Communicating Impressions
   - Outer and Middle Ear Screening

B. ASHA guidelines for audiologic screening (available on Blackboard).

V. Course Requirements

A. Complete face-to-face training in hearing screening as required by the instructor.
   (1) Tuesday, August 27th, 2013 (9:30 – 11:30 am)
   (2) Thursday, August 29th, 2013 (9:30 – 11:30 am)

B. Demonstrate ability to perform a hearing screening appropriately by passing a competency evaluation (described below) held at the following time:
   Friday, September 6th, 2013 (9:00 – 11:20 am; 12:00 – 2:00 pm)

C. Complete the required number of hearing screening hours (see below) under the supervision of a licensed, ASHA-certified audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

D. Submit required documentation of completed hours to the course instructor in order to obtain a passing grade.

E. Adhere to HIPPA Regulations, the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy (http://saf.dept.uncg.edu/studiscp/Honor.html), and the UNCG Speech and Hearing Center Dress Code (including name badge).

VI. Evaluation Methods

Students will be given a grade of Pass/Fail after completing the following:

A. Competency Evaluation – Students must demonstrate the ability to comply with recommended hearing screening procedures before they can begin clinical practicum in audiology. Thus, students are required to pass a competency evaluation administered by the instructor. Each student will perform a hearing screening on his/her partner and will be graded accordingly. The grading rubric for the competency evaluation will be provided in advance. Students will receive feedback at the time of the evaluation and will be notified if they fail to meet the criterion for a passing score. These students will be required to retake the evaluation at a later time.

B. Hearing Screenings – Students are required to complete a minimum number of hearing screening hours (adult or pediatric) under the supervision of an audiologist or
speech-language pathologist. The number of required hearing screening hours is as follows:

1. All students are required to complete a minimum of **5 hours** of hearing screenings.

2. Students who do not pass the competency evaluation on the first attempt will be required to complete **5 additional hours** of hearing screening (total = 10 hours). The hour requirement will increase by 5 hours **each** time the student fails to meet the passing score on the competency evaluation.

Students should complete their required hearing screening hours during the first year of graduate school. Grades of “In Progress” will be submitted to the University Registrar at the end of the Fall semester. Grades will be changed once the minimum hour requirement is met and original documentation is submitted to the instructor.

**VII. Scheduled Screenings**

Students will be notified of screening opportunities periodically via Blackboard, e-mail, or postings in Room 304 of the Ferguson Building. Students are responsible for contacting the supervising audiologist prior to the screening to determine what materials/equipment they need to bring to the screening. Students must attend all screenings on time. When unable to attend a screening, the student should notify the instructor promptly and/or try to find a qualified substitute. **Ultimately, it is the student’s responsibility to meet the designated hour requirement.**