**Oral Science, Ph.D.**

### Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in oral science requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit, including advanced course work and original research that culminates in the successful defense of a dissertation. Students must pass a comprehensive examination, prepare and gain approval of a research project, and complete and successfully defend a dissertation that describes the results of their research. Completion of the program usually requires at least four years of full-time study.

### Admission

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College. Applicants whose first language is not English must score at least 81 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); they also may be asked to take the Test of Spoken English.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program are asked to submit a statement describing past research experience and current research interests, and stating how completion of the Ph.D. program fits their career goals.

Applications and transcripts are reviewed and accepted on a continuing basis. A personal interview may be requested.

Programs normally begin July 1 each year.