

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders offers a Certificate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, and a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

- The certificate is available to students that have completed a bachelor's degree in another area and are wanting to apply to a graduate program in speech-language pathology and audiology or begin the pathway to become a speech-language pathology assistant. Students can enroll in the certificate program while pursuing their undergraduate degree but they are expected to complete their degree prior to the completion of the certification program.
- The minor program is offered for students who are interested to know more about the professions of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The minor is also intended to benefit students who are receiving training in early childhood education, special education, or trainee teachers to know more about speech and language development and disorders.
- The undergraduate program focuses on the scientific study of normal and disordered communication processes. Emphasis is placed on developing background knowledge in phonetics, speech and language development, hearing and its disorders, anatomy and physiology, speech science, and the neurogenic bases of communication. During the senior year, students are introduced to a variety of communication disorders providing a pre-professional background for students interested in pursuing a Master of Science degree. All students participate in 25 hours of applied clinical observation.
- The graduate (M.S.) program in Speech-Language Pathology is the entry-level degree in the profession. The primary goal of our graduate program is to train students to be excellent clinicians who are capable of assessing and treating a range of communication disorders.