THE CURRICULUM The undergraduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders offers a comprehensive education that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The program provides pre-professional background for students interested in pursuing a career in speech-language pathology and/or audiology.

The Bachelor of Science degree provides an in-depth study of:

- **NORMAL SPEECH**
- **LANGUAGE**
- **HEARING PROCESSES**
- **BACKGROUND ORIENTATION TO DISORDERS OF COMMUNICATION**

in order to prepare students to enter a graduate program. The master’s degree program is the minimal entry-level requirement to obtain full licensure and national certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE STUDENTS
• Seniors gain clinical experience
• Juniors observe therapy sessions
• Volunteer at Special Olympics
• Motor Speech Lab
• The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
• Study abroad
  - Semester opportunities
  - Spring Break opportunities

CAREERS
• Speech-language pathologist: identify, evaluate, and treat individuals with speech, language, and hearing disorders. Diagnose speech problems such as articulation and language disorders, dialectal variations, and stuttering. Also assess and treat voice and swallowing disorders.
• Audiologist: works with people who have hearing difficulties. Test hearing and often select and fit hearing aids.

OUR GRADUATES’ CAREERS
• In hospital acute care and rehab settings
• Nursing care facilities
• Community clinics
• Adult day care facilities
• State and local health departments
• Colleges and universities
• Public school systems
• Home health agencies
• Directors, recruiters and owners of therapy staffing corporations
• Private practice
• Long-term care facilities

COURSES
Focus on normal communication development, the anatomy and physiology of the speech mechanism, the acoustics of speech, phonetics, audiology, and speech-language disorders. Students interested in this major should have a good background in biology and enjoy working with people.

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