

The UT Tyler Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders: Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is a preprofessional degree that primarily prepares students to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology or audiology; work as speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs); or pursue careers in related health and educational fields.

The program consists of 120 undergraduate hours (including 48 CSD-specific credits, 15 hours in basic sciences of communication, and 17 elective hours). It is housed within the School of Health Professions, and is part of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. The Program provides a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that fosters personal growth, the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and professional behavior.

What Speech-Language Pathologists Do

Speech-Language Pathologists are healthcare professionals who work in a variety of medical and educational settings including (but not limited to) hospitals, rehab agencies, schools, preschools, early intervention, private practice, and many more.

They work with children and adults who have communication and swallowing disorders, including stuttering, speech sound disorders, language disorders, social communication disorder, selective mutism, voice and resonance disorders, cognitive communication disorders, aphasia, dementia, learning disabilities, hearing impairments, and traumatic brain injury.

With an average salary exceeding \$80,000, the field of speech-language pathology has been consistently rated among the best careers in the United States for over two decades.

The minimum requirements for certification and state licensure is a master's degree in SLP. Obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Communication Science and Disorders is your first step.

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Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Admissions Requirements

- Admission into UT Tyler
To apply, please contact Undergraduate Admissions at (903) 566-7203 or <https://www.uttyler.edu/admissions/freshman-2023/>

How to Join the Major

Students can join and declare a major in CSD at any semester. They will receive individual advising to ensure that they follow the correct course sequence, as the curriculum is spiral nature (i.e., lower-level courses serve as prerequisites for higher-level courses). Not following the correct sequence could delay graduation.

Personal Qualities

- Excellent comprehension and production of spoken and written language, including functional speech articulation, voice, and fluency in American English.
- Functional/normal hearing acuity, auditory processing, and visual acuity
- Emotional maturity and stability
- Excellent social communication and interpersonal skills

CSD Major Required Courses

COMD 1306 Introduction to CSD
COMD 2310 Intro to APA Style and Research Writing in SLP
COMD 2311 Phonetic Description of Speech
COMD 2357 A&P of Speech and Swallowing
COMD 2358 A&P of Hearing and Language
COMD 2359 Speech Science
COMD 3313 Hearing Science
COMD 3318 Language Acq. and Development
COMD 3341 Introduction to Audiology
COMD 3350 Neuro Foundations of Speech, Language and Hearing
COMD 4367 Intro to Lang. Dis. in Children
COMD 4369 Clinical Procedures and Clinical Observation CD
COMD 4370 Intro to Speech Sound Disorders
COMD 4372 Intro to Voice and Fluency Dis.
COMD 4373 Intro to Aural Rehabilitation
COMD 3314 Linguistics for SLP

Other Basic Sciences

- Cultural Diversity
- Developmental Psychology (Child Psych, Developmental, or Lifespan)
- Biology (Intro or General Biology, no lab)
- Chemistry OR Physics (Intro or General)
- Statistics (Elementary)



Why Choose This Program?

- The program provides a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum designed to build a solid foundation in the basic human communication and swallowing processes and survey the various disorders of communication.
- The small professor-to-student ratio facilitates deep learning, meaningful class engagement, and close mentoring.
- Students completing this program are accepted in graduate programs around the country.
- Upon graduation, students can immediately find jobs as speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs).
- Students complete the 25 observation hours and develop clinical skills that enable them to develop treatment plans and provide speech and language interventions at various settings.