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.
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.