Undergraduate Orientation in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Appalachian State University

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Preparing students for Careers in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

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ASHA Course Requirements

1. Biological Science (e.g., biology, human anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, human genetics, veterinary science)
   - Recommend: BIO 1201 or BIO 1202

2. Social Sciences (should include psychology, sociology, anthropology, or public health)
   - Recommend: PSY 2210

3. Physical Science (should include physics or chemistry)
   - Recommend: PHY 1812 or PHY 1814

4. Statistics (stand-alone course in statistics is required, research methodology courses in CSD may not be used)
   - Recommend: STT 2820
CSD Preparation

- Normal childhood development, as well as atypical development.

- Individuals with speech, language, hearing, and communication difficulties.

- Individuals with developmental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, etc. who often experience associated communication disorders.

- Individuals with acquired communication and swallowing difficulties as a result of medical conditions, traumatic brain injury, stroke, head and neck cancer, dementia, etc.
What to do with a CSD degree?

Further education:

- Possible Graduate Degrees
  - Speech Language Pathology
  - Audiology
  - Other healthcare graduate programs
  - Other education based graduate programs

- Speech Language Pathology Assistant Certificate Program
Speech Language Pathology

- Requires a masters degree (usually 5 semesters)
- Offered here at Appalachian

Role of the SLP is assessment, treatment, education of and advocacy for those with
- Speech disorders/delays
- Language disorders/delays
- Social communication disorders
- Cognitive-communication disorders
- Swallowing disorders
Audiology

- Requires a doctoral degree (usually 4 years after undergraduate) called an AuD
- Not offered at Appalachian
- An Audiologist’s role is assessment, treatment, education of and advocacy for those with hearing and balance difficulties
Two Steps to Study Communication Sciences and Disorders

1. Declare after 30 semester hours

2. Meet CSD admission requirements:
   - 45 semester hours completed (12 of these at ASU or with program director permission)
   - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
   - Must have B or higher (not B-) in:
     - CSD 2259 Communication Disorders
     - CSD 2260 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing Mechanism
     - Any science (min 3s.h.) from general education science inquiry perspective themes
Required Major Classes

- CSD 2361 Phonetics
- CSD 2464 Basic Speech and Hearing Science
- CSD 3366 Communication Development
- CSD 3201 Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSD 3202 Speech Disorders across the lifespan
- CSD 3350 Evaluating Research in CSD
- CSD 4162 Structural Analysis of Language
- CSD 4364 Audiology
- CSD 4662 Management of Hearing Disorders
- CSD 4766 Neuroanatomy
- CSD 4850 Adult Language Disorders
Electives in the Major

Must take two:

- CSD 3320 Cultural Diversity in Communication Disorders
- CSD 3340 Syndromes and Conditions in Communication Disorders
- CSD 3368 American Sign Language I
- CSD 3370 American Sign Language II
- CSD 4100 Introduction to Clinical Processes and Procedures (senior level class)

**Note: All CSD electives (except CSD 4100) may be taken before admission to the CSD program**
Communication Disorders Clinic

25 Undergraduate Clinical Observation Hours

Graduate Students On and Off-Campus Clinical Placements
Academic Interest Areas

- In conjunction with an advisor, 15-18 hours in a related subject
- May also choose a **MINOR** (designated by department, whereas academic interest areas are flexible across departments)

- Some possible options:
  - Child development
  - Special education
  - Gerontology
  - Psychology
  - Spanish
  - Music
Clubs and Organizations

- NSSHLA: National Student Speech Hearing Language Association
  local chapter at ASU and national chapter
  http://www.asha.org/nsslha/

- American Sign Language Club
- Autism Society of North Carolina
- Dementia Awareness and Support Club
- Operation Smile Club
- Autism Speaks U
Leon Levine Health Sciences Building - Fall 2018
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