

Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Mission and Statement:**  
*Why is our program Special?*

Speech-Language Pathology is an exciting field that appeals to individuals who love helping others and want to impact and make a difference in one's life. The speech-language pathologist (SLP) works with individuals who have speech sound disorders, language disorders, fluency disorders (stuttering), voice disorders, and swallowing disorder (dysphagia). In addition, the SLP works with individuals who do not have a communication disorder but would like to improve the way they speak (accent reduction). The field of speech-language pathology is vast and fascinating.

The Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) undergraduate program provides the foundation of the speech-language pathology profession and prepares students for graduate studies in communication sciences and disorders. A cohort of students are formally accepted each spring semester for the subsequent fall semester.

Upon formal acceptance to the program, students take the COMD major courses in a required course block sequence. Our courses are designed to teach students the various aspects of normal development of speech and language, and the assessment and treatment of individuals with communication disorders. Courses within the curriculum range from articulation development and normal language development to Neuroanatomy and Physiology for Speech, Language, and Hearing, Survey of Neurological Disorders, Audiology I, Language Disorders, Speech Disorders, Clinical application and Clinical Problem Solving to name a few. Professional Practice Competencies such as clinical reasoning, professionalism, evidence-based practice, and accountability are covered within the COMD curriculum.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, individuals are eligible to apply to graduate programs in the field, and/or apply (through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation) for an Assistant License to practice as an Assistant in Speech-Language Pathology in the state of Texas

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**Study Tips to help you succeed**



- Read and take notes **BEFORE** coming to class.
- Be accountable and ask questions when you do not understand content covered in lectures.
- Manage your time effectively and find the right environment, study group and study strategies that work for you.



**Scholarship Opportunities**

- Students have opportunities to conduct research with faculty.
- Students engaged in research have opportunities to present their work at local, state, and/or national forums.



**Employment Opportunities**

Public school setting  
Private school setting  
Pediatric rehabilitation centers  
Pediatric home health setting

Salary varies depending on education, work experience, type of setting and the geographical area

[Health Professions Career Explorer Page Link](#)

**Who to Contact?**

**Who do students contact if difficulties are experienced in major courses?**



When students are faced with challenges within the major courses, we highly encourage they reach out to fellow classmates and professors for assistance. An outlet of assistance we offer are MLS advisors and senior advisors. Each student is assigned an MLS advisor which is a professor within the program. They help guide the student to success within the program through scheduled advising sessions, providing them academic advice, and guide them when they experience difficulties.

At the beginning of the semester, all students are assigned a "senior advisor" which are students within our program who are close to graduation in the next few months. They play the role of student MLS advisor and provide the students advice on study habits, time management, and other helpful skills that have allowed them to be successful in the program.

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