

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, BSE

OVERVIEW

Admissions to the Communication Sciences and Disorders BSE have been suspended as of fall of 2023 and will be discontinued as of fall 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Note: Applications to the undergraduate Communication Sciences and Disorders program in the School of Education will not be accepted after the summer of 2023. Current students are encouraged to apply prior to this time, and should contact an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office (see Contact Information) to discuss modified eligibility requirements. Students must complete their degree requirements no later than the summer of 2026.

UW-Madison continues to offer a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (<https://csd.wisc.edu/undergraduate/>) **through the College of Letters and Science.**

The major in communication sciences and disorders provides students with opportunities for study in the areas of speech–language pathology, audiology, and the normal aspects of speech, hearing, and language. Most students pursue this major because they hope to work as a licensed and certified clinical speech–language pathologist or audiologist, assisting clients with communication impairments arising from acquired neurological conditions, developmental conditions, genetic conditions, or unknown causes. Professional clinical practice follows completion of a master’s degree in speech–language pathology, or a Doctor of Audiology degree. Some students pursue the undergraduate major as a foundation for a research career in speech, language or hearing sciences. Others pursue the major as a preliminary step toward advanced training in other professional fields (e.g., medicine, nursing, special education), or as a liberal arts degree that could lead to a variety of different career paths (speech–language pathology assistant, educational assistant, line therapist).

The major in communication sciences and disorders can be completed through the College of Letters & Science or through the School of Education. Students select one program to follow and should be aware that the two programs differ somewhat in their requirements. Moreover, each program (L&S and Education) has its own general liberal studies requirements. Students should plan to complete many of these general requirements as well as some courses in communication sciences and disorders during their first and second years on this campus.

The department is accredited in speech–language pathology and in audiology by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech–Language–Hearing Association (ASHA). Therefore, academic courses and clinical practica in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders may be applied toward clinical certification by ASHA (speech language pathology or audiology), and toward state licensure.