PATHWAYS: Communication Disorders

Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders

COURSE SELECTION

- You may choose to declare Pre-CMDS in the College of Liberal Arts, however, applications are accepted from any other program.
- Consider taking CMDS 3000 Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology or CMDS 2503 Communication Disorders in Society.

FRESHMAN

- In order to apply you must complete 30 of the 41 hours of core curriculum and maintain a "B" average across your 2 Core Courses in English Composition.

SOPHOMORE

- You will begin taking your upper division coursework after admittance into the program.

JUNIOR

- You will have opportunities to observe practicum and serve as a junior clinician.

SENIOR

- You are encouraged to contact the CMDS Undergraduate Program Coordinator or Department Chair whenever you have questions about the fields of Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Make an appointment with CMDS faculty when you are preparing to apply for the major and/or when you have questions about supporting coursework, or are seeking input with regard to selecting a thematic concentration or minor.

- Meet with someone in the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

- Speak with faculty about graduate programs in this field.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Take advantage of opportunities to observe/shadow speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists working in the field.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.

- Work with the UCC to update your resume and continue assembling a portfolio of your work.

- Consider obtaining research experience to enhance your graduate school applications.

GET INVOLVED

- Many students in the major take part in the AU Chapter’s community and educational programs.

- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest, to attend meetings and enhance your resume.

- Serve in leadership roles in organizations, such as AU chapter of NSSLHA, and in the community.

This is a field with a heavy emphasis on advanced education. Pursue multiple experiential and research opportunities to be competitive. You will also need to maintain a high GPA and perform well on the GRE to qualify for admission.

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Minimum Education: B.A.
Entry Level Salary Range: $20.8K-$34.2K

Speech-Language Pathologist
Minimum Education: M.S., M.C.D.
Enter Level Salary Range: $44.9K-$70.8K

Audiologist
Minimum Education: Au.D.
Enter Level Salary Range: $45.1K-$71.2K

These are just three options out of many that Communication Disorders majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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