The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) provides students with a foundation in human communication processes and communication disorders.

CSD is the study of the development, assessment, and treatment of human communication and its disorder. Disorders of communication include stuttering, hearing impairment, language impairments, articulation disorders, voice disturbances, and swallowing difficulties.

The undergraduate major prepares students for admission to professional graduate degree or licensure programs in speech-language pathology or audiology.

**Why UMD**

- Pre-professional undergraduate program prepares students to work as clinical aides to communication disorders specialists working in a variety of human service and healthcare settings.
- Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located on campus.
- Smaller class sizes allows for more individual attention.
- Opportunity to participate in research through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. Students gain valuable connections and knowledge, collaborating with faculty and peers.
- The graduate program is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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**Career Possibilities**

**Bachelor's Degree Careers**

*Note: Your major does not limit you to one career. By earning a bachelor's degree you are gaining a variety of skills that employers are seeking.*

- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
- Paraprofessional
- Developmental Trainee at autism day treatment services
- Early Childhood Language Facilitator
- Intake Coordinator at a child and family center
- Health Advisor

**Graduate School Options**

- Speech Language Pathology
- Audiology
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Deaf Education
- Special Education

**Master's Degree Careers**

*Note: To practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist you must obtain a master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders for licensure and certification.*

- Speech Language Pathology (school, hospital, nursing home, private practice)
- Early Intervention in Deaf Education
- Higher Education Position (instructor, clinical
instructor)
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Early Intervention in Special Education
- Academic/Health Care Administrator

Scholarships

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

Communication Sciences & Disorders students have the ability to apply for five scholarships ranging from $500 to $2,000 each.

Student Clubs

- CSD Club

Faculty Highlights

- Actively conduct research.
- Specialties in: aphasia; augmentative and alternative communication; stuttering; voice, language development and disorders; articulation; phonology; phonetics; and audiology.

Requirements

Freshman and transfer students are admitted to UMD as Pre-Communication Sciences & Disorders students. Students who have completed the lower division requirements and obtain a 3.00 cumulative GPA (including transfer work) are moved to the full CSD major and allowed to take upper level courses.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions and graduate programs Communication Sciences & Disorders grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Youth Specialist - AmeriCorps, YMCA, Duluth Area Family, Duluth, MN
- Admissions Counselor - University of Minnesota Duluth, Office of Admissions, Duluth, MN
- Graduate School, Communication Sciences & Disorders, University of Minnesota Duluth
- Graduate School, Speech-Language Pathology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Graduate School, Speech-Language Pathology, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

For more data see the Communication Sciences & Disorders Graduate Follow-Up Report.

For ideas about Communication Sciences & Disorders and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.