College of Human Ecology
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Overview
The communication sciences and disorders program, or CSD, at Kansas State University is for students interested in human development as it relates to human communication through speech and language, reading, writing and hearing. The undergraduate program provides the foundation for students pursuing a graduate degree in the areas of speech-language pathology or audiology.

Professional options

Careers
Speech-language pathologists help children and adults with communicative problems and swallowing disorders. Graduates from the K-State master's program in communication sciences and disorders are equipped to work in many types of settings and treat individuals with a wide range of communication and swallowing disorders. K-State graduates have a 100 percent employment rate, with approximately 50 percent working in a school setting and 50 percent working in a medical setting.

Employers
Employment prospects for speech-language pathologists are excellent. Recent projections indicate that demand will remain strong throughout the U.S. for many years to come.

A licensed speech-language pathologist has the option to work in many types of settings, including:
- School systems
- Head Start programs
- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation centers
- Private practices

Clinical experience

Undergraduate level
To enhance the undergraduate experience, CSD students participate in clinical observations at the K-State Speech and Hearing Center and at schools and medical facilities in the community.

Graduate level
In addition to coursework, an important component of the graduate training involves providing diagnostic and therapy services to individuals with communication and swallowing disorders.

Students complete at least four practicums and two externships. The practicums are conducted at the K-State Speech and Hearing Center under the direct supervision of a faculty member. The K-State Speech and Hearing Center is a state-of-the-art facility that optimizes student learning, expands services to the community and enhances research for faculty and students.

Following the four clinical practicums, graduate students are supervised by licensed speech-language pathologists.

Accreditation
The CSD program is meeting designated standards in terms of curriculum, clinical training, quality of faculty and ethical standards.

Academics

Degree options

Bachelor's degree
Majors in communication sciences and disorders, or CSD, participate in a stimulating program in which students are introduced to the basic sciences of speech, language and hearing. Course work also introduces the student to communication disorders across the lifespan.

The professional courses are offered during the junior and senior years and require a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (K-State and transfer credit) to enroll. Faculty members in the CSD program take great pride in getting to know students in the major. This is accomplished through classes, labs, group advising and membership in the K-State Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Master's degree
A master's degree in communication sciences and disorders is required to obtain national certification as a speech-language pathologist. The master's degree program at K-State prepares speech-language pathologist to serve individuals with all types of communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan. The typical program of study for a graduate student is two years, which includes four full-time, consecutive semesters and two summers.

Preparation
Students who meet the Kansas qualified admission requirement are prepared to enter the undergraduate program in CSD. Academic performance is important, given the competitive nature of graduate admission. Laboratory science courses and the experience of learning a foreign language are helpful. Volunteer or work experience with people with disabilities is highly recommended.

Points of pride
Kansas State University communication sciences and disorders graduate students have had a 100 percent employment rate and 100 percent pass rate on national board exams since 2004.
K-State Speech and Hearing Center
The center provides high quality, comprehensive services to individuals with communication impairments. All services provided by graduate students are closely supervised by faculty members.

Activities
Communication sciences and disorders students can get involved with the K-State Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Financial assistance
The College of Human Ecology administers a scholarship program. The CSD program administers a number of graduate teaching assistantships that involve the student in teaching CSD course work and labs to undergraduate students. Graduate students are also competitive for GTA and GA positions offered through other campus programs and departments.

Undergraduates may be eligible for scholarships through the College of Human Ecology.

Suggested coursework
Suggested sequence of courses for students preparing for graduate training in speech-language pathology.

120 hours required

Freshman year
Hrs. Fall
3 ENGL 100 Expository Writing I
3 PSYCH 110 General Psychology
3 FSHS 110 Introduction to Human Development
1 GNHE 210 Foundations of Human Ecology
3 COMM 106 Public Speaking 1 (preferred)
or 2 COMM 105 Public Speaking 1A
3 Elective
15-16

Hrs. Spring
3 MATH 100 College Algebra
3 PHYS 101 The Physical World I
1 PHYS 103 The Physical World I Lab
3 COMM 322 Interpersonal Communication
3 Humanities elective
12-13

Sophomore year
Hrs. Fall
3 ENGL 200 Expository Writing II
4 BIOL 198 Principles of Biology (recommended)
3 ECED 310 Early Childhood
3 ECON 110 Principles of Macroeconomics
3 CSD 343 Communication Sciences and Disorders
or 3 Professional elective (selection from world cultures recommended)
16

Hrs. Spring
3 STAT 325 Introduction to Statistics
3 AMETH 160 American Ethnic Studies
8-10 Professional electives
14-16

Junior year
Hrs. Fall
3 CSD 347 Introduction to Phonetics
3 CSD 361 Hearing Science
3 CSD 442 Developmental Psycholinguistics
6 Professional elective
15

Hrs. Spring
4 CSD 360 Anatomy of the Speech Mechanism
3 CSD 443 Language Assessment and Intervention
4 CSD 446 Disorders of Articulation and Phonology
3 CSD 567 Basic Audiology
3 Professional elective
17

Senior year
Hrs. Fall
1 CSD 515 Laboratory in Acoustic Phonetics
3 CSD 560 Clinical Research
3 CSD 301 The Helping Relationship
or 3 ECED 420 Interaction Techniques
3 CSD 549 Clinical Procedures
3-4 Professional electives
12-13

Hrs. Spring
5-6 Professional electives
9 Electives
14-15

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