

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS MAJOR (M)

Students studying Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) learn foundational knowledge in the bases of communication, hearing, swallowing, and normal development across the lifespan, and the clinical management of children and adults with communication disorders. The Communication Sciences and Disorders major leads to careers in either of two disciplines; Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. Both of these career choices require successful completion of a graduate degree to enter clinical practice. Additionally, the CSD major can prepare students to become a speech-language pathology assistant for those individuals who choose not to pursue a graduate degree. For more information about career options associated with this major, go to www.asha.org (<http://www.asha.org>).

Mission Statement

The Speech-Language Pathology department is dedicated to the missions of Concordia University Wisconsin and the School of Health Professions and is focused on developing independent life-long learners with strong critical thinking and communication abilities. In addition, the Speech-Language Pathology program aims to prepare students for the opportunities and rigors of a vocation positively impacting communicatively challenged individuals and their families by providing outstanding academic/clinical education, as well as community outreach. The Speech-Language Pathology program also aims to support the continuing education needs of practicing clinicians to ultimately have a positive impact on individuals with communication and/or swallowing challenges. This professional education is grounded in faith, excellence, and service to others.

Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology

Concordia University Wisconsin offers a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP). This is a 2-year program which prepares students for licensure, clinical certification, and a career in Speech-Language Pathology. In this graduate program, students receive a state-of-the-art academic and clinical education with opportunities for interprofessional education. Upon successful completion of the graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology, students will have demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary for ASHA certification with a faith-based focus. Students will have completed the required 25 hours of observation and 375 hours of clinical practicum and be prepared to transition into their clinical fellowship year. Upon completion of their clinical fellowship, students will have completed all the requisite knowledge and skill competencies and will be eligible to apply for their Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) through ASHA. Students develop effective and professional interaction skills with patients, families, and other health care professionals through service learning and university-supported Inter-professional Education (IPE) experiences. This program requires successful completion of 42 core academic credit hours, 6 credit hours of electives, and 9 credit hours of clinical practicum resulting in a minimum of 57 credit hours of coursework (academic and clinical).

Completion of an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at CUW does not guarantee students admission to the graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the CUW major in Communication Sciences & Disorders, students will have demonstrated:

- Effective knowledge and skills to incorporate the complex relationship between faith, learning, and practice in the areas of Communication Sciences and Disorders.
- Effective verbal and written professional skills.
- Knowledge in basic speech, language, communication and swallowing processes.
- A functional understanding of evidence-based prevention, evaluation and intervention practice for speech, language, hearing, communication, and swallowing disorders.
- Culturally competent, professional interaction skills with patients, families, and other health care professionals.
- Ethical and professional behavior in clinical care through service learning, clinical observation, and/or the provision of clinical services in the CUW Speech, Language and Hearing clinic.
- The completion of 25 required hours of clinical observation.

Curriculum

The undergraduate major in Communication Sciences and Disorders requires successful completion of 120 credit hours. This degree requires 49 credit hours within the major (courses offered within the Speech-Language Pathology Department), 45 credit hours in the common core, and 27 credit hours for minor and/or electives. The required courses in the major are listed on the table below.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/) ¹		45
Major Requirements		49
Electives		26
Minor:Optional		
Total Hours		120

Communication Sciences and Disorders Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
CSD 100	Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (elective, highly recommended-3 cr)	
CSD 210	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech, Swallowing, and Hearing Mechanism	3
CSD 220	Clinical Phonetics	3
CSD 230	Foundations of Cognition and Language	3
CSD 240	Speech and Language Development	3
CSD 250	Hearing Science	3
CSD 260	Speech and Language Disorders in Children	3
CSD 270	Multicultural Populations	3
CSD 300	Kinesiology & Motor Learning	3
CSD 310	Audiology	3
CSD 320	Speech Science	3
CSD 330	Speech and Language Disorders in Adults	3
CSD 410	Aural Rehabilitation	3
CSD 420	Clinical Methods & Observation	3
CSD 430	Service Delivery & Ethics	3
CSD 460	School Methods	3
CSD 470	Neurological Bases of Communication	3
CSD 475	Senior Seminar	1
Total Hours		49

Communication Sciences and Disorders is a 120 credit major.

Clinical Practice/Practicum

Clinical practicum, a course which involves contact with actual clients in a clinical setting, is will an elective course for selected seniors. Students wishing to enroll in CSD 450 Clinical Practicum must have completed a minimum of 90 credit hours and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 prior to the enrollment in this course. Additionally, students must complete 25 ASHA approved clinical observation hours prior to the start of CSD 450.

Leveling Program

The Leveling Program is intended for students who possess a bachelor's degree in a major other than CSD who are interested in qualifying for graduate study in Speech-Language Pathology. The Leveling Program in SLP is nationally recognized as a means of completing the requisite education to prepare a student for graduate study in SLP. The CUW Leveling Program requires interested students to complete 30 credit hours (10 courses) in the CSD major in one year of study prior to entering a graduate SLP program. Completion of the Leveling Program does not guarantee a student admission to a graduate program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses for Leveling Program		
CSD 210	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech, Swallowing, and Hearing Mechanism	3
CSD 220	Clinical Phonetics	3
CSD 240	Speech and Language Development	3
CSD 250	Hearing Science	3
CSD 260	Speech and Language Disorders in Children	3
CSD 300	Kinesiology & Motor Learning	3
CSD 310	Audiology	3
CSD 320	Speech Science	3
CSD 330	Speech and Language Disorders in Adults	3
CSD 420	Clinical Methods & Observation	3
<i>Total Hours</i>		<i>30</i>