COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Overview
Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is the study of normal and abnormal communication including development and disorders. Students studying Communication Sciences and Disorders learn foundational knowledge in the bases of communication and swallowing, normal development across the lifespan, and the clinical management of children and adults with communication disorders. The Communication Sciences and Disorders is one major that leads to careers in one of two disciplines; either 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 prepares 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).

Undergraduate Student in Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD) 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 and/or the provision of clinical services in the CUW Speech, Language and Hearing clinic.
- The completion of 25 required hours of clinical observation.

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 is excited to announce its planned development of a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) beginning in summer of 2019. This is a 2-year program which will prepare students for licensure, clinical certification, and a career in Speech-Language Pathology. Student will receive a state-of-the-art academic and clinical education with opportunities for interprofessional education. Upon successful completion of the CUW SLP 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. Additionally, students will have demonstrated effective and professional interaction skills with patients, families, and other health care professionals through service learning and/or the provision of clinical services in the CUW Interprofessional Education (IPE) clinic while working collaboratively with other disciplines. This program is planning to require 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) for completion.

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.

Majors
- Communication Sciences and Disorders Major (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-sciences-disorders-major)
- Leveling Program (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/communication-sciences-disorders/leveling-program)

Minors