Communication Sciences and Disorders

Major

Comprehensive major (no minor required)

- **Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Certificate

- **American Sign Language**

Where you'll find our grads

- Graduate School, UW-Eau Claire, UMD, UW-Madison, University of Iowa, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant, (SLPA certified) positions in Texas, California, Florida, New Jersey, and Virginia
- Classroom paraprofessional, Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha, WI

Prepared for Success

The department of Communication Sciences and Disorders educates students planning to become speech-language pathologists or audiologists and who will become specialists in diagnosing and treating communication disorders. The job market is growing most rapidly within the elderly and infant age ranges, but many jobs are available with school-age children and younger adults. A graduate (Master's) degree is required for most speech pathology jobs, while students who entering the job market with an undergraduate degree often find entry-level positions, such as a paraprofessional in an academic setting, a family advocate in a medical setting, etc.Typical positions held by communication sciences and disorders graduates who earn a Master's degree include speech-language pathologists or audiologists who diagnosis and treat communication disorders. Many of our students pursue Master's degrees at places like UW-Stevens Point, UM-Duluth, Univ. of Washington-Seattle, UW-Madison, St. Cloud State University and UW-Eau Claire.

Why UW-Eau Claire

Hands-On Experience

UW-Eau Claire has an excellent clinical facility with state-of-the-art technology on campus (Center for Communication Disorders). Emphasis within the department focuses on preparing undergraduate students for entry into graduate programs. The semester long clinical practicum is a key component to the program. Students may also take part in undergraduate research experiences and will have opportunities to apply for the department honors program.

Service-Learning

The department offers opportunities for students to assist adolescents with high-functioning autism and adults with aphasia each year. While gaining experience in your field, you'll have the opportunity to give back to the community.

Get Involved / Student Orgs

The local Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association provides professional and social interaction, a connection to a national student organization and service and leadership opportunities. Operation Smile Club is another student organization that helps to raise awareness of and fundraise money for children with cleft palates and other forms of facial deformities.

First-Year Suggested Curriculum

- Intro to Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Psych 100
- Social Work 100
- University writing requirement —depending on placement exam. For test-out options, see http://www.uwec.edu/academics/blugold-seminar/

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

Students who want to study communication sciences and disorders would benefit from course work in English composition, public speaking, natural sciences (biology and physics or chemistry preferred), psychology and special education.

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Special Admission Guidelines

You must be formally admitted to the Communication Sciences and Disorders program. We recommend that students apply for admission at the end of their sophomore year. Please reference the Undergraduate Catalog for admission requirements.

It is important that students consult with a faculty adviser in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) when beginning to plan their programs and periodically throughout. Courses in the major are intended to be taken in a logical order, so students receive background knowledge from previous courses before enrolling in later courses.

To take CSD 470 a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.50 GPA in CSD is required.

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