Communication Disorders focus mainly on three forms of interchange between individuals, speech, language and hearing. A major in Communications Disorders teaches students to diagnose, treat and prevent these conditions. Graduates with a Communications Disorders degree can become speech pathologists, audiologists, speech therapists or children's hearing specialists.

**Communication Disorders Skills**

- Extreme patience
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Sensitivity to patient’s condition
- Acceptance of all types of people
- Motivational skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to plan
- Work with families
- Analytical skills
- Excellent listening skills
- Ability to cooperate
- Interpretation ability
- Ability to sensitively talk about patient
- Excellent vocal and language skills
- Research abilities
- Knowledge of legal issues
- Enjoy challenges
- Utilize technology and equipment
- Specialized knowledge

**Degrees offered at Texas State University**

- Bachelor of Science, B.S., in Communication Disorders
- Leveling Degree in Communication Disorders
- Master of Arts, M.A., in Communication Disorders
- Master of Science in Communication Disorders, MSCD

**Other Certifications**

- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A), [http://www.asha.org/certification/AudCertification.htm](http://www.asha.org/certification/AudCertification.htm)
- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP), [http://www.asha.org/certification/SLPCertification.htm](http://www.asha.org/certification/SLPCertification.htm)
- Board Certification in Audiology [http://www.americanboardofaudiology.org/about/about.html](http://www.americanboardofaudiology.org/about/about.html)
CAREER PATHS
(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Education

Sample Job Titles
Special Education Instructor  Educational Audiologist
Teacher of Hearing Handicapped  Postsecondary Communication Disorders Teacher
Teacher of Speech Handicapped  Speech-Language Educator
School Speech-Language Therapist

Possible Work Settings
High Schools  Elementary Schools
Middle Schools  Postsecondary Schools

...in Clinical and Therapeutic Practice

Sample Job Titles
Private Practitioner  Speech-Language Pathologist  Pediatric Audiologist
Children’s Hearing Specialist  Speech-Language Pathology Assistant  Physical Therapy Technician
Clinical Supervisor  Clinical Audiologist  Hearing Aid Specialist

Possible Work Settings
Hospitals  Clinics  Private Practice

RESOURCES

Texas State University - Student Organizations
- National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA),
  http://www.health.txstate.edu/cdis/Student-Organizations/NSSLHA.html
- Service-To-Mankind (SERTOMA),
  http://www.health.txstate.edu/cdis/Graduate-Resources/SERTOMA.html
- Bilingual/Multicultural Interest Group contact: afox@txstate.edu

Job & Internship Search Sites

Professional Associations Links
• Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, www.capcsd.org/
• Speech and Language Therapy in European countries, www.cplol.org/default.htm
• Communication Therapy International (CTI), http://www.ctint.co.uk/
• Audiology www.isa-audiology.org/human
• The International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP), http://www.ialp.info/
• International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM), www.iaom.com/
• International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association (ICPLA), www.ucsb.louisiana.edu/~mjb0372/ICPLA
• International Fluency Association, www.theifa.org
• International Society of Audiology (ISA), www.isa-audiology.org
• International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC), http://www.isaac-online.org/en/about/index.html
• International Stuttering Association (ISA), http://www.stutterisa.org/
• The Overseas Association of Communication Sciences (OSACS), Susan.Abbott@Lnd.amedd.army.mil
• American Speech, http://www.nata.org

Career Library Resources

- O*NET, U.S Department of Labor
- Careers in Social & Rehabilitation Services, Geraldine Garner
- Health Professions Career and Education Directory, American Medical Association

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