

## BA in Communication Sciences and Disorders - Concentration in Deafness and Hard of Hearing (D/HH)

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The concentration in D/HH prepares students to work with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The purpose is to provide a degree path for undergraduate students who may choose to pursue careers in sign language interpreting and those entering the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology who seek to work with populations who are deaf or hard of hearing. A student with the concentration in deafness and hard of hearing would have completed the necessary undergraduate requirements for entry into graduate education in either speech-language pathology or audiology with the additional foundation in deafness and hearing impairment.

This program of study emphasizes the importance of communication in all modalities: signed, spoken and written. As such, students study typical and atypical communication, audition and amplification, aural rehabilitation, signed language systems and speech-language habilitation. With an undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders and a concentration in deafness and hard of hearing, students are prepared to advance their skill in sign language interpreting if they so choose. The emphasis of this program is on understanding, embracing and accommodating diversity and valuing the contributions of individuals with sensory differences as vital members of every society.

The undergraduate major in CSD with a concentration in D/HH requires a total of 47 credit hours. Students wishing to enroll in this concentration must meet the admission requirements for the undergraduate major.

### Admission

Students should request application materials for admission to the major in the CSD department, or obtain application materials online, prior to enrolling in their last semester of prerequisite courses, typically in the spring semester of the sophomore year. The application deadline for fall semester admission is April 1; November 1 for spring semester admission.

Admission requirements include:

1. An overall GPA of 3.000; and
2. The completion of the following courses with a grade that generates at least 3.000 credit points per credit hour in each course:

CSD 111	Disorders of Human Communication	2
CSD 301	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	3
CSD 304	Early Language Development	3
CSD 306	Applied Phonetics	3

Students can be currently enrolled in those courses offered during the semester in which the application is made.

Once admitted to the undergraduate major, students are required to obtain a criminal background check at their own expense as part of clinically-based assignments throughout the program. Students should consult the beginning of the College of Health Professions section of the catalog for additional requirements which may be needed to participate in clinical settings. In addition, enrollment in CSD 425, is subject to departmental approval and proof of medical clearance (see department for details) prior to the start of the course.

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