

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

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 (SLP) and audiology (AUD) 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 SLP or AUD 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 54 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:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CSD 111	Disorders of Human Communication	3
CSD 301	Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	2
CSD 302	Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Auditory System	2
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.

Curriculum

CSD 111	Disorders of Human Communication	3
CSD 240	Introduction to Deaf and Hard of Hearing	2
CSD 251	Auditory Development and Disorders	2
CSD 260	Signing Exact English I	2
CSD 270	American Sign Language I	3
CSD 301	Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	2
CSD 302	Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Auditory System	2
CSD 304	Early Language Development	3
CSD 306	Applied Phonetics	3
CSD 306L	Applied Phonetics Lab	0
CSD 351	Introduction to Auditory Assessment	3
CSD 360	Signing Exact English II	2
CSD 370	American Sign Language II	3
CSD 416	Introduction to Language Disorders	3
CSD 417	Introduction to Language Disorders Lab	1
CSD 504	Aural Rehabilitation	3
CSD 514	Speech-Sound Disorders	3
CSD 515	Speech-Sound Disorders Lab	1
CSD 518	Deaf Culture	3
CSD 519	Genetic and Organic Syndromes	3
CSD 521	Genetic and Organic Syndromes Lab	1
CSD 522	Deaf Heritage	2
Select one of the following options:		4
Option A:		
CSD 605	Neuroscience of Speech and Language: Basic Processes	
Option B:		
HS 570	Neuroscience for Health Professionals: Peripheral Nervous System	
HS 571	Neuroscience for Health Professionals: Ascending and Descending Pathways	
HS 572	Neuroscience for Health Professionals: Brainstem and Cerebellum	
HS 573	Neuroscience for Health Professionals: Forebrain	

Total Credit Hours

54