

# Communication Sciences and Disorders

## Teaching a child to speak correctly. . .

Helping an elderly person learn to speak after a stroke; adjusting a hearing aid for a student; correcting the accent of a foreign student--these are only a few of the career possibilities for students who study Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) at the University of North Dakota. The department also offers an undergraduate minor in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Studies.

## What you can do with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. . .

About half of all Speech-Language Pathologists work in schools; others work in hospitals, clinics, and private practice. Audiologists work in similar situations. Professionals working with persons having communication disorders can look forward to stimulating careers with many rewards. This growing field offers a wide variety of career opportunities. These professionals administer therapy to children and adults. They may work with scientific equipment, concentrate on research and teaching, or serve in administration. Professionals in this field work in schools, hospitals, universities, community hearing and speech agencies, and in private practice. Employment opportunities, especially in the northern plains area and Canada, continue to be promising.

## Program Options. . .

All majors take the same course sequence. The undergraduate minor in ASL and Deaf Studies includes coursework in ASL, psychology, linguistics, and communication disorders. The minor enables students to acquire ASL skills as well as an understanding of deafness and the culture of the deaf. The ASL courses provide basic sign language skills for students interested in pursuing certification as a sign language interpreter.

## Unique characteristics of UND's Communication Sciences and Disorders program. . .

Students in CSD are exposed to both the clinical and research aspects of the field of communication sciences and disorders.

## Getting in. . .

Students can major in communication sciences and disorders if their GPA is above the university minimum.

## Tours. . .

A tour of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and a consultation with a departmental faculty member can be arranged by calling (701) 777-3232.

## It's A Fact. . .

- The UND Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, located within the department in Montgomery Hall, provides

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services for UND students, faculty, staff, and people from the surrounding communities.

- There is an additional fee per semester for clinical courses.
- Students who major in CSD can go into career fields in either speech-language pathology or audiology.
- The Master's is the professional degree in speech-language pathology.
- Average class size for undergraduate courses in CSD is 35-40.
- There are nine faculty in the department.
- 100 students are enrolled in CSD programs.
- The CSD major was first offered at UND in the early '60s.
- The program is fully accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA).
- CSD draws many students from Canada and surrounding states and has an excellent reputation for graduating well-trained clinicians. Virtually 100% of our Master's students get jobs.

## In Addition. . .

- A faculty member who teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses publishes in national journals and was the recipient of an NIH grant for research on the effects of stroke on language.
- All undergraduate students receive clinical practicum assignments in their senior year.
- The department is relatively small, with about 80 undergraduate students, and our classes usually have no more than 40 students in them, so most faculty members are well acquainted with virtually all of our undergraduate students.
- CSD undergraduates receive excellent preparation for graduate work in communication disorders. Our undergraduates, in addition to enrolling in our own master's program, have been successful at such prestigious programs as the University of Iowa and Wisconsin.

## For more information. . .

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