

Speech & Hearing Science

The program of study in Speech and Hearing Science offers a broad background in the biological, behavioral, linguistic, and social foundations of human communication and communication disorders. The major prepares students for careers or graduate education in many fields.

WHAT ARE MY CONCENTRATION CHOICES?

Students majoring in Speech and Hearing Science may choose from concentrations in:

- **Speech-Language Pathology**
- **Audiology**
- **Neuroscience of Communication**
- **Cultural-Linguistic Diversity**

Each of the four concentrations can be combined with pre-certification requirements from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for undergraduates who wish to pursue a graduate degree and career as either a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

WHAT ARE MY CAREER CHOICES?

The U.S. Department of Labor's *Occupational Outlook Handbook* says demand for speech-language pathologists will grow faster than average, and much faster than average for audiologists.

Employment settings may include hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, clinics, private practice, health departments, community centers, universities, research labs, and nursing care facilities.

Some of these options require additional training

Career paths include:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Audiologist
- Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist
- Applied Behavioral Analyst
- Clinical Psychologist
- Physician, Nurse
- Professor
- Counselor
- Vocal Performance Coach
- Teacher, Special Education Teacher
- English-as-a-Second-Language Instructor
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Social Worker
- Disability Lawyer
- Health Educator



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