What you can do with your COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS MAJOR

Major Skills:

Critical and Analytical Thinking
You recognize, define and analyze communication disorders, considering a variety of evidence; determine possible causes; identify appropriate methods of assessment, intervention and rehabilitation to improve outcomes.

Cultural Competence
You gain a growing understanding of linguistic and cultural diversity and how social inequalities interface and impact individuals with speech, language, and hearing disorders.

Research
You find and filter information to determine the best sources, use evidence to support arguments, and explain information clearly and concisely.

Experimental Design & Measurement
You identify and collect relevant data, utilizing appropriate tools and software, interpret results of data gathering, identify ethical issues, and present data.

Written & Oral Communication
You effectively communicate ideas and information verbally, visually, and in writing.

Supplement Your Skills With:

- Career & Self Development
- Internships and Part-Time Work
- Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion
- Volunteering in a Lab and Job Shadowing
- Leadership and Teamwork

What You Can Do NOW

Activate Your Handshake Account
for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities
to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising
from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Communication Sciences & Disorders major to WORK

Frequent Job Titles of Alumni

- Speech Language Pathologist
- Audiologist/Clinical Audiologist
- Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist
- Professor
- Business Owner
- Registered Nurse
- Manager/Director of Programs
- Administrative Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Teacher
- Behavioral Therapist
- Consultant
- Interpreter

Top Employers of Alumni:

- Aurora Health Care
- UW Health
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Chicago Public Schools
- Achieving Collaborative Treatment
- Advocate Health Care
- University of Minnesota
- Communication Innovations
- Kaiser Permanente

Common Employers of Alumni:

- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Ascension
- Chicago Speech Therapy
- Children's Therapy Center
- Curative Care
- Encompass Health
- Epic
- BVK

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2020:

80% Continuing Education, Graduate School

20% Employment

Industry of Employment 2016-2020:

- Services
- Healthcare
- Education
- Hospitality
- Life Sciences
- Non-profit
- Consulting
- Engineering
- Insurance
- Natural Resources

Where Alumni Live & Work:

34% Wisconsin →

13% Illinois →

6% New York →

5% Minnesota →

4% California →

38% Other →



"As an undergraduate student at UW-Madison, I chose to double-major in Psychology and Communication Sciences & Disorders to gain a more complete picture of the language and social communication profiles of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities. Now, I apply skills garnered from both fields of study in my everyday work evaluating, diagnosing, treating, and consulting with interdisciplinary teams of professionals."

Taylor Dorlack, 2015, 2022
Postdoctoral Clinical Psychology Fellow, Rush University Medical Center
Chicago, IL



"This degree not only offers insight on the complexities of the everyday skills of speaking, listening, and communication, but I'm also challenged daily in my work to employ skills in research, flexibility, time management, organization, decision making, advocacy, and a variety of communication modalities. I work to master and model these skills while I foster them in students."

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Speech Language Pathologist, Sun Prairie Area School District
Sun Prairie, WI

Career Communities for Communication Sciences & Disorders Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Communication Sciences & Disorders majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- **Healthcare & Human Services**
- **L&S Business & Entrepreneurship**
- **Non-Profit Management & Education**

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