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 identify and collect relevant data, utilizing appropriate tools and software, interpret results of data gathering, identify ethical issues, and present data.

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
Volunteering in a Lab and Job Shadowing
Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion
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.

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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

**Top Employers of Alumni:**
- Aurora Health Care
- UW Health
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Chicago Public Schools

**Common Employers of Alumni:**
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Ascension
- Chicago Speech Therapy
- Children’s Therapy Center

**Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2020:**
- 80% Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 20% Employment

**Industry of Employment 2016-2020:**
- Services
- Healthcare
- Education
- Hospitality
- Life Sciences

**Where Alumni Live & Work:**
- Wisconsin 34%
- Illinois 13%
- New York 6%
- Minnesota 5%
- California 4%
- Other 38%

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

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.

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