

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Combine the Dynamic Fields of Healthcare and Education into a Rewarding Career

Be prepared to improve the lives of those with communication or swallowing disorders with Eastern Kentucky University's Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (CD). Gain knowledge of communication processes, how to assess and treat speech, language, & swallowing disorders, and the role of communication professionals in healthcare and school settings. Graduates of the CD "Preprofessional" Program are prepared to start a career as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) or continue their studies in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.

Undergraduate preparation in CD is prerequisite to advanced academic and clinical preparation at the graduate level. Upon completion of the master's degree in this field, students are eligible to become certified at the national level, as well as to be fully licensed by Kentucky to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). Kentucky permits an individual with a bachelor's degree in CD to work as a licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) in public school settings only.

Admission to Communication Disorders Program

Any student who is accepted by Eastern Kentucky University's Admissions Office may declare their major as Pre-Communication Disorders. The student will be assigned to a program advisor and will be classified as a "Pre-CD" major. However, Pre-CD status does not guarantee admission into the CD undergraduate program. Pre-CD majors will be restricted to enrollment in the following major courses: CSD 275 Introduction to Communication Disorders, CSD 311 CSD in Healthcare Systems, and CSD 360 Speech and Language Development.

To apply for admission to the CD undergraduate program, students must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. At least 40 credit hours earned on 100-level courses or higher,
2. GPA of at least 3.0 overall (on a 4.0 scale) for semester credit hours completed, and
3. ACT composite score of at least 21 (or equivalent SAT Score).

The CD Program requires a state criminal history background check approved¹ by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences as a condition of admission. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required as a condition of admission. Admitted students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in CSD 275 (Introduction to Communication Disorders) or an equivalent transferred course BEFORE registering for the sequence of CSD courses listed for the Junior year. Although CSD 275 is not a prerequisite for applying for program admission, it is a prerequisite for other CSD courses. If a student has not completed CSD 275 at the time of admission, the course must be taken during the summer semester before starting the CSD course sequence. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all CSD major courses and supporting courses. Transfer students do not have to be enrolled in university courses at the time of submitting an application for admission. The CD program admits 30 new undergraduate students

each year. Applicants are ranked by the GPA x ACT composite score. The most qualified applicants are admitted. Application forms are available at <https://www.eku.edu/ctp/csd/undergraduate-program/>. Completed applications and all required documentation must be submitted by February 14.

It should be noted that enrollment in the graduate program in Communication Disorders is also limited. Admission into the undergraduate program does not guarantee admission into the graduate program. Refer to the *Graduate Catalog* for information on admission to the graduate program.

An additional state criminal background check approved¹ by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences is required prior to beginning CSD 374 Practicum in Speech Pathology or may be required at additional points in the program. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required prior to beginning CSD 374 Practicum in Speech Pathology. Students must purchase professional liability insurance prior to enrollment in CSD 374 Practicum in Speech Pathology, CSD 474 Advanced Practicum in Speech Pathology, and CSD 541 School Services in Communication Disorders. Further, that insurance coverage must be maintained throughout enrollment in these courses.

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Program Requirements

CIP Code: 51.0201

Major

Code	Title	Hours
University Graduation Requirements		
Essential Education (https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/)		30
<i>Student Success Seminar</i>		
GSD 101	Foundations of Learning	3
Upper division courses (hours are distributed throughout Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives categories)		39
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
CSD 250	Phonetics	3
CSD 273	Observation in Communication Disorders	1
CSD 275	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
CSD 285	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Swallow Mechanism	3
CSD 311	CSD in Health Care Systems	3
CSD 360	Speech and Language Development	3
CSD 365	Language Disorders: Assessment	3
CSD 372	Methods and Materials in Communication Disorders	3
CSD 373	Articulation and Phonological Disorders	3
CSD 374	Practicum in Speech Pathology ¹	3
CSD 380	Introduction to Clinical Audiology	3
CSD 464	Language Disorders: Intervention	3
CSD 465	Disorders of Fluency	3

CSD 474	Advanced Practicum in Speech Pathology ¹	3
CSD 475	Voice Disorders	3
CSD 487	Aural Rehabilitation	3
CSD 525	Literate Language	3
CSD 541	School Services in Communication Disorders	3
CSD 571	Neural Bases of Communication	3
CSD 572	Speech and Hearing Science	3
Supporting Course Requirements		
ASL 101	American Sign Language I (Element 1C) ^E	
PSY 200	Introduction to Psychology (Element 4B) ^E	
STA 215	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning (or higher) (Element 2A) ^{E, 2}	0-4
BIO 208	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Element 2B) ^E	
BIO 208L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
BIO 308	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 308L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
HCA 200	Medical Terminology	3
OTS 515	Early Child Sensorimotor Development	3
SED 104	Special Education Introduction	3
SED 318	Special Education in Early Childhood	3
or SED 390	Applied Behavior Analysis	
Free Electives		
Choose 8 to 12 hours of Free Electives		8-12
Total Hours		120

^E Course also satisfies an Essential Education element. 3 hours are included within the Essential Education requirement above.

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² Not all STA courses count towards Essential Education. Review the catalog to see if additional Essential Education courses may be needed.

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^E Course satisfies an Essential Education (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/>) element.

* Course must be taken in semester indicated.

Upper division courses: All students are required to have a minimum of 39 hrs. upper division (300-level or above) courses distributed throughout Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives categories.

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
GSD 101E	Foundations of Learning	3
ASL 101	American Sign Language I (E-1C) ^E	3
ENG 101	Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric (E-1A) ^E	3
SED 104	Special Education Introduction	3
ELEMENT 3B ^E		3
Hours		15

Second Semester		
ENG 102	Research, Writing, and Rhetoric (E-1B) ^E	3
PHY 101 or CHE 101/101L or CHE 111/111L	Conceptual Physics (E-2B or FLEX) ^E or Introductory Chemistry or General Chemistry	3
STA 215	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning (or higher E-2A) ^E	3
ELEMENT 4A ^E		3
Free Electives		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
First Semester		
BIO 208	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (E-2B or FLEX) ^E	3
BIO 208L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
CSD 275	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
HCA 200	Medical Terminology	3
ELEMENT 3A ^E		3
Free Electives		3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
BIO 308	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 308L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PSY 200	Introduction to Psychology (E-4B) ^E	3
SED 318	Special Education in Early Childhood	3
or SED 390	or Applied Behavior Analysis	
Free Electives		3
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Hours		16
Third Year		
First Semester		
CSD 250	Phonetics	3
CSD 273	Observation in Communication Disorders	1
CSD 285	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Swallow Mechanism	3
CSD 360	Speech and Language Development	3
CSD 380	Introduction to Clinical Audiology	3
Hours		13
Second Semester		
CSD 311	CSD in Health Care Systems	3
CSD 365	Language Disorders: Assessment	3
CSD 372	Methods and Materials in Communication Disorders	3
CSD 373	Articulation and Phonological Disorders	3
CSD 487	Aural Rehabilitation	3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
CSD 374	Practicum in Speech Pathology	3
CSD 464	Language Disorders: Intervention	3
CSD 475	Voice Disorders	3
CSD 541 or OTS 515	School Services in Communication Disorders or Early Child Sensorimotor Development	3
CSD 572	Speech and Hearing Science	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
CSD 465	Disorders of Fluency	3
CSD 474	Advanced Practicum in Speech Pathology	3
CSD 525	Literate Language	3
CSD 571	Neural Bases of Communication	3
OTS 515 or CSD 541	Early Child Sensorimotor Development or School Services in Communication Disorders	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120