

Communication Disorders | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	<p>Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning.</p> <p>Learn the requirements of the communication disorders pre-CDIS and consult the College of Health Professions Advising Center.</p> <p>Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment.</p> <p>Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).</p>	<p>Meet with the College of Health Professions or CDIS Advisors for questions about the major.</p> <p>Apply to the CDIS program to begin junior year.</p> <p>Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad.</p> <p>Seek scholarship opportunities offered by the College of Health Professions.</p> <p>Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC.</p>	<p>Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor.</p> <p>Explore next steps including potential TXST graduate programs (or visit ASHA EdFind).</p> <p>Complement your degree with a micro credential.</p> <p>Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor.</p>
EXPAND your personal and social development	<p>Review your degree plan for courses that include the Service-Learning Excellence program.</p> <p>Join student organizations or committees that focus on health professions.</p> <p>Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB.</p>	<p>Join one of the communication disorders student organizations to connect with peers in the major.</p> <p>Consider the College of Health Professions Study Abroad Program to experience different cultures while gaining hands-on skills in your field.</p> <p>Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives.</p> <p>Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.</p> <p>Attend a Nonprofit and Volunteer Fair from Student Involvement to jump into meaningful service in TXST's community.</p>	<p>Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community.</p> <p>Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service program.</p> <p>Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to the TXST community.</p> <p>Attend financial literacy workshops (e.g., budgeting, student loans, taxes).</p>
ENRICH your practical competence	<p>Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students.</p> <p>Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research.</p>	<p>Get internship guidance and report your internship offers to Career Services.</p> <p>Attend a conference related to your major (get recommendations from a CDIS faculty) or your student organization.</p> <p>Check out the National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Program.</p> <p>Review micro internship opportunities for professional development in which you learn and earn.</p> <p>Consider applying to the Honors College for engaged learning and creative inquiry with peers.</p>	<p>Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills.</p> <p>Attend or present at the College of Health Professions Research Forum.</p> <p>Attend or deliver a presentation at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association national convention.</p>
ELEVATE your career and professional life	<p>Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2.</p> <p>Create your Handshake profile.</p> <p>Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders.</p> <p>Develop and review your resume with Career Services.</p>	<p>Develop your resume with the help of the professionals at Career Services.</p> <p>Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities.</p> <p>Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services or your academic department.</p>	<p>Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services.</p> <p>Attend employer info sessions at Career Services.</p> <p>Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans.</p> <p>Identify faculty and professional references</p>

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

- Think critically
- Analyze and solve problems
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Apply principles of cultural awareness
- Engage in self-motivated pursuit of professional knowledge
- Implement professional ethics

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Experiences in Communication Disorders

The bachelor of science degree with major in communication disorders examines the foundations of speech and language development together with the disorders that are encountered in speech, language, and hearing. Freshman and sophomore year students complete required coursework in the health sciences pre-CDIS concentration and apply to the program during their second year to be admitted for their third year. CDIS majors engage in challenging coursework and clinical practicum experiences. The department maintains a speech language hearing clinic which is open to the public and serves as a unique observation opportunity for students preparing for careers in the field. Students have the option to participate in Education Abroad or Study in America for global and cultural enrichment. Membership in numerous student organizations is also available for developing peer networks.

Career Opportunities

While most students pursue a graduate degree in speech-language pathology or audiology to become certified speech-language pathologists or audiologists, exciting career opportunities include:

- Speech language pathology assistant
- Substitute teacher
- Hearing aid dispenser*
- Personal care assistant
- Rehabilitation aide
- Sign language interpreter*
- Special education teacher*
- Behavioral therapist*

*need additional certifications/training