DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

OVERVIEW

Graduates from our program help people of all ages through speech-language pathology (SLP). SLPs work to prevent, assess, diagnose and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults. The undergraduate program leads to the Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, considered to be a pre-professional degree. A Master’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders must be earned in order to fulfill the academic and practicum requirements needed to be a speech-language pathologist certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Students get practical, in-field experience before graduation.

96 to 100% job placement for master’s-level graduates.

Job outlook projected to grow 18% from 2016-2026, much faster than average.

2018-19 SNAPSHOT

448 ENROLLED STUDENTS
(up 7% over five years)

98% Female

17% From historically underrepresented groups

154 DEGREES AWARDED
(up 34% over five years)

B.S. | M.S.

The UM Speech and Hearing Clinic provides excellence in clinical education for graduate students and the highest quality of speech-language-hearing services to patients in the community.

HILL Program helps children with moderate to severe language disorders, hearing impairments, and intellectual or developmental disabilities with development of language and literacy.

CAREERS

Graduates are needed in a variety of educational, research and health care settings:

Public and private schools
Hospitals
Rehabilitation centers
Assisted living facilities
Community clinics
Colleges and universities
Private practice offices
State and local health departments
State and federal government agencies
Home health agencies
Adult day care centers
Centers for persons with developmental disabilities
Research laboratories

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