

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The department's goal is to provide you, as a student, with a firm theoretical foundation in the processes of normal communication, an understanding of the disorders that frequently impair normal communication, the theoretical information concerning the evaluation and remediation of communicative disorders, and an opportunity to implement theory in closely supervised clinical practice.

Furthermore, the department strives to develop you as a professional who is broadly educated and who possesses the ability to think analytically, critically, and in a manner that allows you to excel at problem solving. We also seek to promote your development as a competent provider of clinical services.

We hope to instill in you an appreciation for life-long learning and personal development along with a positive sense of self-worth. As a result, you should acquire a respect for the quality of life, individual and cultural differences, and ethical behavior.

Career Opportunities

In keeping with the objectives and standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), graduates of the bachelor of arts program who do not immediately pursue advanced studies are qualified for employment in related health fields. To be employed as a speech-language pathologist, you must have a master's degree or doctorate.

Completion of the B.A. degree program prepares you to pursue graduate study that will fulfill the requirements for a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from ASHA or graduate study in a related science or communication field. The majority of our master's degree students are offered professional positions before they graduate.

Graduates have been accepted for admission to advanced degree programs at the following colleges and universities:

Boston University
Columbia University

James Madison University
Pennsylvania State University
Temple University
University of Colorado
University of Iowa
University of Wisconsin

Undergraduate Degree

Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders. This preprofessional degree program provides you with a basic knowledge of human communication and communication disorders in preparation for graduate study in audiology, speech-language pathology, speech and hearing science, or related health science or communication fields.

Special Study Opportunities

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is an active participant in the National Student Exchange Program.

Typical Courses

Anatomy of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
Articulation and Phonological Disorders
Fluency and Voice Disorders
Hearing Disorders
Language Disorders
Speech and Hearing Science
Speech and Language Development

Facilities

The facility in which the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is housed contains departmental offices, a reading room, a distance learning classroom, computer/speech science laboratory, and the West Chester University Speech and Hearing Clinic. The clinic comprises therapy rooms with observation capability, clinician work areas, an audiological test suite, and a client conference room.

The department operates the Speech and Hearing Clinic as a teaching and training facility. The clinic provides diagnostic and therapeutic services for children

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and adults with speech and hearing problems. Clinical services are available to individuals from the University and from the surrounding community.

Special Entrance Requirements

It is recommended that you, as an applicant to this program, meet the following requirements, in addition to those general requirements for University admission:

1. Class rank in the 70th percentile or above
2. Strong Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores
3. Completion of two years of algebra, biology, and a second science such as chemistry or physics

Related Student Activities

National Student Speech–Language–Hearing Association (NSSLHA)

Advanced Degree

Master of Arts in Communicative Disorders

Faculty

A complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications for this program can be obtained from the contact person listed below.

For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/

About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Information on Admission

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