

admission to undergraduate minor **in** **communication sciences** **and disorders**

Speech-language pathologists are concerned with the development and use of speech, language, and hearing and their impact on academic performance, career opportunities, and socialization. They teach broad-based skills in the areas of speech-language pathology and foster healthy development and use of speech, language, emerging literacy, and hearing in both children and adults. USC's COMD students have the opportunity to receive specialized training in the areas of rehabilitation of neurogenic communication disorders and auditory processing after cochlear implant. The Arnold School of Public Health is among the largest educators of speech-language professionals in the nation.

Numerous job opportunities exist in public schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, community clinics, and private practice. From conducting speech rehabilitation therapy after a client's cochlear implant, to examining the effects of dementia, stroke and epilepsy with state-of-the-art brain imaging technology our graduates are working in these and a number of other professional careers.



The minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) consists of 18 hours of course work focusing on speech and language development and disorders in children and adults. COMD's primary mission is to train graduate students in speech-language pathology. The minor prepares the student for this graduate work. Speech-language Pathologists work with individuals across the life span who have problems in communication due to developmental delays; hearing impairment; voice disorders or stuttering; diseases (such as stroke or Parkinson's disease); and communication problems due to traumatic brain injury or accidents. Speech-language pathologists work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers or schools, and 100% of the graduates are employed at graduation.

As part of this program, a minor has been developed for undergraduate students interested in learning more about the field of speech-language pathology, expanding their background in child development and the study of normal human language function. The minor is an excellent learning opportunity for students in education, exercise science, sociology, psychology, biology, foreign languages, linguistics, special education, as well as many other related fields.

COURSES FOR THE MINOR INCLUDE:

COMD 500	Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	(3)
COMD 501	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism	(3)
COMD 507	Language Theory and Phonetics	(3)
COMD 560	Observation of Speech-Language Pathology	(3)
COMD 526	Disorders of Articulation: Evaluation and Therapy	(3)
COMD 570	Introduction to Language Development	(3)

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