



# B.S. in Communication Disorders & Sciences

## Career Planning Options, Choosing a Minor, and Thinking about Graduate School

- ❖ Consider a Major and Minor that reflects your potential career interests
- ❖ Build a deliberate pathway to graduate school and beyond
- ❖ Enhance and expand your options & alternatives within the graduate school application process

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Note: if you know you would like to be an SLP or Audiologist but you are concerned about the length of study with graduate school, a 3 year option for the major is available. This is best for students who have 15 credits or more of AP credit or dual credit from high school, have strong study skills and grades, and would prefer to be finished with undergrad in 3 years rather than focusing on minors and other coursework that gives more flexibility in options for advanced study and career paths.

<u>WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT COMMUNICATION DISORDERS/SLP?</u>	<u>WHAT MINOR OR PLANS OF STUDY ARE MOST RELATED TO THIS INTEREST THAT ALSO GIVES ME ALTERNATIVES IN GRAD PROGRAMS OR CAREER PATHS?</u>	<u>WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES WITH THIS OPTION?</u>
School-Based Educational SLP or Audiologist. Alternative Option= School Psych or Counselor	Consider a major in CDS with minor in Psychology with intentional electives in the psychology minor (e.g. behavior management, abnormal psychology, etc)	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to M.S in School Psychology or School Counseling programs
Health Care Pre-Therapy (OT, PT, SLP) Pre-Med, Pre-Dentist, Pre-PA	A major in CDS with required pre-requisite courses & electives for Occupational or Physical Therapy, Pre-Med, Pre-Dentist, Pre-PA keeps your options open  If you are sure you want to be an SLP and the medical setting is most appealing, consider minor in Neuroscience, Psychology with Cognitive focus, or Nutrition instead of the pre-med or pre other tx coursework	CDS major gives clinical shadowing and clinical treatment experience which is helpful for all types of health-field applications.  Can apply to Therapy graduate program (OT, PT) or Medical School, Dental School, or PA grad programs of choice and have option to apply to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology
Early Intervention or Family Services	Want to work with young children and families, but not 100% sure you want to go to grad school to be an SLP? Consider a major in CDS & minor in Early Childhood Program Administration or Human Services Program Administration	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative career as Child or Family Advocate, Day Care Admin, Recruiter Foster Family Services and more. Possible credentialing as a Developmental Therapist or a Service Coordinator in Early Intervention.
Private Practice or Future Administration	Want to possibly have a private practice as an SLP or move into administration of a rehab unit, consider a minor in Business Administration or Human Services Program Administration	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to Regular or Nonprofit M.B.A. Programs, or to M.S. in Health or Human Services Administration
Bilingual SLP or Audiologist	Consider a Minor or Double Major in Spanish, French, or German	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP (some have bilingual specialty) or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to M.A. Programs in TOEFL or Teacher Education for world language. Translator. Bi-lingual Family Advocate