Communication Sciences and Disorders (M.S.)

Study the science of communication disorders and make a lasting difference in the lives of children and adults.

Demand continues to rise for professionals who can diagnose and treat speech, language and hearing disabilities. With an M.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from UND, you’ll have the skills you need to launch a career as a speech language pathologist or audiologist.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Master's Degree
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 5 semesters
Credit hours: 30 (thesis option) or 32 (non-thesis option)

Why Study Communication Sciences and Disorders at UND?

Communication sciences and disorders is a fast-growing field that offers tremendous personal and professional rewards. UND's CSD program combines rigorous classroom instruction with research and real-world clinical experience to prepare you to evaluate, diagnose and treat a broad range of speech, language and hearing disorders.

At UND, you’ll work closely with faculty who have a broad range of professional experiences and interests. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 3:1, you'll develop close working relationships with your professors and classmates.

You'll also gain experience through our on-site clinical partnerships with local schools and hospitals. Practice your skills in our:

- Language and literacy group
- Toddler language circle
- Performance and recovery in stroke group
- Social language group

Leaders in Action

Dakota Nesbitt and Michelle Burns are graduate students pursuing Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Accredited Speech-Language Pathology Program

The master of science in Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of North Dakota is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800.498.2071 or 301.296.5700.
Communication Sciences at UND

- Get clinical experience in UND's Speech, Language & Hearing Clinic.
- Choose from the thesis track or the non-thesis option.
- Contribute to the body of knowledge in the field through your research.
- Make professional connections by joining the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Communication Sciences Careers

**27%** Projected job growth for speech-language pathologists for the years 2016–20*

**77K** Median annual salary for speech-language pathologists*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Praxis Exam

Our students also have an outstanding pass rate on the Praxis Exam, the national certifying test. In recent years, 100% of UND students who have taken the Praxis have passed it on their first attempt.

Job Opportunities

With a master's degree in speech pathology, you'll have the skills and knowledge to help children or adults overcome communication difficulties and improve their ability to speak.

Most UND communication sciences and disorders graduate students have jobs lined up before graduation. UND graduates work everywhere from hospitals and nursing facilities to schools and private clinics and beyond.

When You Earn a master's degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders

A Communication Sciences & Disorders degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Speech-Language Pathology
- Speech Disorder Specialist
- Disabilities Specialist
- Autism (Therapies)
- Early Intervention

UND Communication Sciences & Disorders Alumni

Communication Sciences & Disorders alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Sanford Health
- Advanced Medical Personnel Services, Inc.
- Clinical, Inc.
- North Dakota School for the Deaf