



COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES, FORESTRY, AND AGRICULTURE

Communication Sciences and Disorders

WHY STUDY COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS AT UMAINE?

The University of Maine Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) provides excellence in education and research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Our undergraduate students develop the capacity to synthesize and analyze research arguments, effectively manage ethical issues and provide rationale for evidence-based clinical management. Graduate students who complete their degree in CSD have a 100 percent employment rate, with the majority choosing to practice in Maine. UMaine is the only institution in the state to provide graduate education in this field. Our statewide impact includes attending to the needs of clients across the lifespan in hospitals, schools, clinics and rehabilitation facilities. At the Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Speech, Language and Hearing Center on campus, CSD faculty and students serve the needs of the local and university communities.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS?

The undergraduate program in CSD provides the background for students to apply for master's study in either speech-language pathology or audiology. It also equips majors to pursue careers or graduate study in a variety of fields including education, business and health care. The master's degree program is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders prepares undergraduate students for graduate studies by focusing on the foundations of speech, language and hearing sciences. In addition to coursework, undergraduate students complete 25 hours of

clinical observation. The department also encourages students to take advantage of other volunteer experiences and develop research skills. Students participate in a senior capstone experience that provides them the opportunity to focus on an expertise they wish to pursue. Students completing their undergraduate degree in CSD at the University of Maine continue their graduate education or pursue careers in a variety of related fields.

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM

The graduate program offered by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is the only one in Maine and is accredited by ASHA. This program is designed to provide graduate students with the academic, clinical and research education consistent with the ASHA/CAA standards for clinical certification in speech-language pathology. The curriculum consists of 44 core credit hours with an additional six hours in either a thesis or a nonthesis option. Graduate students participate in five clinical practicum experiences in a variety of settings, working with clients of all ages.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERTISE

- Adolescent language disorders
- Aphasia
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Cognitive and linguistic assessment and intervention
- Dementia
- Developmental dyslexia
- Dysphagia
- Family-centered treatment
- Fluency disorders
- Language development and disorders
- Phonological development and disorders
- Traumatic brain injury
- Voice disorders

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Only graduate program in Maine accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Only institution in the state to provide graduate education in this field
- Hands-on experience
- Outstanding opportunities for internships and work experience
- Close interaction with faculty
- Excellent employment rate

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ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and 65 countries. It currently enrolls nearly 11,000 total undergraduate and graduate students. UMaine students directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in nearly 70 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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OUR FACULTY

The CSD faculty consists of academic and clinical faculty, full and part time. Active as scholars, researchers, clinicians and teachers, faculty are committed to accomplishing the department's mission of promoting excellence in academic and clinical education, scholarship and service.

The faculty provide service to the community not only through the work of the Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Speech, Language and Hearing Center, but also through colloquia and workshop presentations to special interest groups. Faculty also are active in state and national professional associations such as the Maine Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSLHA) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Small classes, one-to-one student advising, close clinical supervision and research assistantships allow significant faculty-student interaction.

SPEECH THERAPY TELEPRACTICE PROGRAM

In Maine, rural geography, a shortage of speech-language pathologists, and inclement

weather create significant challenges in reaching children and adults in need of speech therapy. The CSD speech therapy telepractice program teaches telepractice to graduate students as a service delivery model to future speech-language pathologists. The program offers interactive online speech therapy for children and adults. Services are delivered to the client's home, work, school or another setting where high-speed Internet is available.

THE CONLEY SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER

The Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Speech, Language and Hearing Center at the University of Maine offers clinical education, research and services in speech, language and hearing. The center's Audiology Clinic and Speech-Language Clinic serve people of all ages. The Speech-Language Clinic offers diagnostics, family-based treatment and a stuttering clinic. The center's long-term service mission to the community and the state is supported and sustained by the Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Endowment.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders provides community outreach programs in collaboration with many state agencies and governing bodies concerned with the welfare of individuals with communication disorders. The department also serves as an academic and clinical resource for the state's professional and private communities.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



It's really important to always create that positive self-image. No matter what the disorder is, you need to value the speaker. Listen to my words. That's what counts. It counts what I say, not how I say it."

— Marybeth Allen, Speech-Language Pathologist

