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Majors
Master of Science
Bachelor of Science

Credential
Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential from the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Number of Masters Students
110

Number of Undergraduate Majors
110

Number of Students Served
500+ annually

Overview
The department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) trains students to become speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and prepares students for doctoral study in speech-language pathology. Speech-language pathologists assess and treat persons with disorders of speech, language, hearing, communication, cognition, and swallowing. Speech-language pathologists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, community clinics, early intervention centers, and in private practice. Many SLPs engage in research and contribute to knowledge about the development of human communication and its disorders. In California, there are only 25.4 certified SLPs for every 100,000 people, as well as only 2.4 certified audiologists.

The graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) until 2020. Students enrolled in the graduate program complete a multi-faceted clinical training program that includes two off-campus internship experiences. Students who complete the Masters degree are eligible to apply for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from ASHA, the California state license to practice Speech-Language Pathology, and the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Career Opportunities
Master’s Degree
Speech-Language Pathologist, Clinical Supervisor, College/University Instructor or Lecturer, Rehabilitation Director, Research Associate, Case Manager

Bachelor’s Degree
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA), Communication Aide, Therapy Aide, Audiology Support Personnel

Unique Features
Clinical Services
- The Norma S and Ray R Speech Language and Hearing Clinic is a core component of preparing students to become SLPs. Student clinicians, supervised by ASHA-certified and state-licensed SLPs, conduct diagnostic evaluations and therapy sessions.
- The Aphasia Treatment Program (ATP) and Aphasia Group prepare student clinicians to implement group treatments, cooperative therapy (with patient dyads), and iPad-assisted intervention.
- The Aphasia Tones® is a choir of members from the ATP and Aphasia Group programs, providing a rare opportunity for persons with aphasia to sing and perform using supported communication strategies (Led by Ellen Bernstein-Ellis)
- The Conversation Club is a group intervention program for CSUEB students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (Led by Dr. Shubha Kashinath)
- Our Mobile Hearing Screening Van provides community-based hearing screenings

Research Clinics and Labs
- Aging and Cognition Research Clinic (Director: Dr. Mahendra)
- Early Social Communication Research Clinic (Director: Dr. Kashinath)
- Alternative and Augmentative Communication Laboratory
  (Director: Dr. Elena Dukhovny)
- Speech Science Laboratory (Director: Dr. Pradeep Ramanathan)
Scholarships and Awards
- Stephanie Kalman Scholarship
- Betty Lindeman and Robert N. Rosenthal Memorial Fund

Community Outreach
- Contacts with multiple local school districts and medical facilities to place graduate students for internships and off-site clinical practicum.
- Hearing screening program for children (preschool through elementary school) via visits to area schools, health fairs, and county events.
- Continuous collaboration with senior centers and long-term care communities to conduct cognitive screenings, staff training, and service learning projects.
- Active participation in the Hayward Promise Neighborhood federal grant.

Recent Student Achievements
California Speech Language Hearing Association (CSHA)
2015 Outstanding Student Awards, District 3
Caitlin Burns, Jeffrey Edwards

California Teachers Association Sharilynn Gardo Russo Memorial Scholarship

2015-2016 CSUEB Center for Student Research Scholars
Marian Alonso, Ariana Bownes, Cynthia Byward, Madison Cano, Cindy Esquivias, Monika Ifah, Paramita Kundu, Moises Meneses, Carolina Reyes

Recent Faculty and Staff Achievements
Select Awards and Honors
Ellen Bernstein-Ellis: 2014 Recipient of ASHA’s Certificate of Recognition for Special Contributions in Higher Education
Nidhi Mahendra: Editor (2014-2016), ASHA SIG 14 Perspectives on Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

Select Publications


Select Presentations

