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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 2.4 certified audiologists and only 25.4 certified SLPs for every 100,000 people.

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, a 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, Medical translators.

Departmental Information

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, collaborative therapy (with patient dyads), and iPad-assisted intervention.
- The Aphasia Tones - a choir of members from the ATP and Aphasia Group programs provides a rare opportunity for persons with aphasia to sing and perform using supported communication strategies (Led by Ellen Bernstein-Ellis)
- The Conversation Club - a group intervention for Cal State East Bay students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (Led by Dr. Shubha Kashinath)
- Mobile Hearing Screening Van for Community-based hearing screenings

Research Clinics and Labs
- Early Social Communication Research Clinic (Director: Dr. Kashinath)
- Alternative and Augmentative Communication Laboratory (Director: Dr. Elena Dukhovny)
- Speech Science Laboratory (Director: Dr. Pradeep Ramanathan)
- Fluency Research Lab (Director: Dr. Choo)
Scholarships and Awards
- Ellen Beth Scholarship
- 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.

Departmental Highlights

Recent Student Achievements
California Speech Language Hearing Association-Outstanding Student Awards
Jeff Edwards

California Speech Language Hearing Association-Scholarships
Madison Cano Fox  Giti Froz

Cal State East Bay Center for Student Research - Fellowship Recipients
Shannon Bruce  Madison Cano  Sunny Callwood  Steven Earl  Monica Gonzalez
Esmay Freihofer  Emily Hendricks  Jennifer Huffman  Altie Maduena  Jody Richardson
Noelle van de Meer  Amy Yang  Theresa Yao  Elina Zimmerman

Select Awards and Honors
California Speech Language Hearing Association 2017 Program of the Year:
Aphasia Treatment Program
Aphasia Access Leadership Summit Keynote Panel Speaker: Ellen Bernstein Ellis, Director, ATP
CSHA District 3 Outstanding Service Award: Anna Krajcin, clinical supervisor

Grants and Funding
Mahendra (PI) and Kashinath (Co PI): Training Grant, The California Wellness Foundation:
Project R2M2 (Recruiting, Retaining and Mentoring Minorities: Diversifying the speech-language pathology pipeline. Ended March 31, 2017.

Kashinath (PI) and Dukhovny (Co PI). Research Grant, Disability Communications Fund:
Beyond the Device: Training communication partners to support AAC use in naturalistic settings.

Select Publications


