

Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Undergraduate major: speech and hearing science (BA)

Undergraduate minor: communication sciences and disorders

Graduate degrees: MA in speech pathology and audiology; AuD; PhD in speech and hearing science

Graduate certificate: multilingualism and culturally responsive practice in SLP

Faculty: <https://csd.uiowa.edu/people>

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Facilities

Clinical Facilities

The clinical training program benefits greatly from Iowa City's standing as the most comprehensive health sciences center in Iowa and from the ready availability of health service facilities for clinical training of students in speech-language pathology and audiology.

The University of Iowa Affiliated Speech and Hearing Services include the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic; the division of speech and hearing in University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery; UIHC Consolidated Speech and Swallowing Services, which provides services to the Departments of Neurology and Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery; child psychiatry speech and hearing services in the Center for Disabilities and Development; and the audiology and speech pathology service in the VA Iowa City Health Care.

The Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic serves the university and the general public. Included in its services are outpatient evaluation and rehabilitation programs for speech, voice, swallowing, hearing, language problems, and a full range of audiological services that include diagnostic and rehabilitative services. Intensive therapeutic summer programs for children and a variety of clinical programs provide students with supervised clinical experience with a wide variety of speech, hearing, and language disorders.

In addition to the clinical training in the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic, training also may be acquired in supervised clinical practice with elementary school children through various state education agencies and in supervised clinical practice in speech, language, and hearing services provided by University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics Consolidated Speech and Swallowing Services, the Regional Child Health Specialty Clinics, Center for Disabilities and Development, and the VA Iowa City Health Care.

Public and private departments and programs in addition to those mentioned above often contribute to the cooperative professional training, research, and service programs.

Research Facilities

The Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center includes faculty offices, an anechoic chamber, research lab space for individual faculty members, classrooms, and shared lab space used for teaching. It also serves as the home for the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic. Research spaces are equipped with sound booths, computer labs, and a wide variety of equipment used for acoustic, physiologic, and perceptual studies of hearing, balance, speech, voice, language, and swallowing. The Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic is a full-service training clinic that is equipped to serve individuals of all ages with speech, language, and hearing concerns. These facilities include multiple fully equipped audiometric testing suites and suites used for diagnosis and evaluation of individuals with speech, language, swallowing, hearing, and balance concerns. Video recording equipment is available, as are rooms designed specifically to allow for group instruction.

Collaboration with departments in the Carver College of Medicine, the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, and the University of Iowa DeLTA Center makes additional laboratory facilities available for research on problems in speech and hearing. The participation and cooperation of specialists from varied fields, including psychology, child development, education, engineering, statistics, and medicine, further broaden the scope of research activities in speech, language, and hearing.