

## Speech and Hearing Science Concentration

### 1. Required Courses: (36 credits)

**COMM 200:** Fundamentals of Research in Communications

**COMM 208:** Public Speaking

**COMM 220:** Voice and Articulation

**COMM 305:** Introduction to Communication Disorders

**COMM 319:** Phonetics

**COMM 210:** Speech and Language Development

**COMM 321:** Speech and Hearing Science

**COMM 323:** Introduction to Audiology

**COMM 325:** Auditory and Speech Mechanisms

**COMM:355:** Language and Thought in Communication

**Psych 110:** Introduction to Psychology

**Psych 221:** Foundations of Psychological Research

### 2. Cognates - Select three from the following: (10-12 credits)

**COMM 223:** Introduction to Sign Language

**COMM 329:** Clinical Observation

**Psych 230:** Human Development

**Psych 320:** Introduction to Psychological Methods

**Psych 331:** Child Psychology

**Psych 339:** Psychology of Aging

**Psych 341:** Perception

**Psych 342:** Behaviour Modification

**Psych 345:** Physiological Psychology

**Psych 346:** Psychological Testing

**Psych 373:** Research Methods in Developmental Psychology

**Sped 300:** Exceptional Children

**Sped 311:** Language Development and Communication Problems of Children

### Total Credits: 46-48

(Cognates are waived for students in Elementary Education)

## National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

The Rhode Island College Chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is a branch of the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA)

Members are concerned with both normal and disordered human communication. The group has participated in Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness week in May and has contributed books and ideas to Adams Library.

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Rhode Island College  
Department of Communications

# Speech and Hearing Science

Understanding speech,  
language, and hearing



## Careers that await you with a graduate degree

### **Speech & Hearing Science Concentration**

The Speech and Hearing Sciences Concentration is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of speech, language and hearing. Our curriculum covers the core courses considered by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to be prerequisites for graduate study. An advanced degree in speech-language pathology or audiology is required by ASHA, and many of our students go on to pursue advanced degrees.

### **Audiologist**

Audiologists work with people who have hearing, balance, and related problems. They use testing devices to measure the loudness at which a person begins to hear sounds, the ability to distinguish between sounds, and the nature and extent of hearing loss. Audiologists interpret these results and may coordinate them with medical, educational, and psychological information to make a diagnosis and determine a course of treatment. Audiologists work in private practice, in hospitals, and in schools.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

Speech-language pathologists assess, treat, and help to prevent speech, language, voice, swallowing, fluency, and other related communication disorders. They develop individualized plans of care, tailored to each client's needs. Speech-language pathologists work in private practice, in hospitals, nursing homes, and in schools.

### **Speech, Language and Hearing Scientist**

Speech, Language and Hearing scientists explore psychological, social, physiological aspects of communication and collaborate with physicians, dentists, engineers and educators to develop new treatment plans. They conduct research relevant to the discipline and the professions speech language pathology and audiology.

### **Rehabilitation Caseworker/Aide/Administrator**

Professionals in this area work with people who have disabilities. Their main objective is to help clients deal with the personal, social and vocational impact of their disability. They work toward increasing the clients' capacity to adjust and live independently. Some organizations will hire rehabilitation counselors without an advanced degree, but many expect you to acquire the Master's within a certain amount of time. The Rehabilitation Services

Commission and Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification can provide more information.

### **Professional Programs**

Professional associations offer a great way to learn more about a particular field, as well as an opportunity to network with professionals in the field. By joining a professional association and attending the meetings, conferences, and functions you will have an opportunity to meet people in the field, find out about career possibilities within the field, and possible areas of study at the graduate level in the field.

### **American Speech-Language- Hearing Association**

10801 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
888 • 321 • 0288  
<http://www.asha.org>

### **American Academy of Audiology**

1725 N. Lynn Street Suite 950  
Arlington, VA 22209-2022  
703 • 524 • 2000  
<http://www.audiology.org>

### **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders**

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Bethesda, MD USA 20892-2320  
301 • 496 • 7243