

Major in Communicative Disorders: Emphasis 2: Rehabilitation Services

College of Health and Human Sciences
Northern Illinois University

Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

The major in [communicative disorders](#) provide a basic liberal arts education along with a foundation of basic, but highly specialized, information about the normal development of disorders of speech, language, swallowing and hearing, and the theory and practice of providing rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities. Undergraduate students select one of two emphases: *speech-language pathology/audiology* or *rehabilitation services*. Students in speech-language pathology study the assessment and treatment of individuals with speech, language, and swallowing disorders. Study in audiology prepares individuals for the assessment, prevention, and non-medical treatment, including hearing aids, assistive devices, and aural rehabilitation, of individuals with hearing losses. The rehabilitation services curriculum prepares students to provide rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities. Both emphases focus on the importance of the family in the rehabilitation process.

Many graduates choose to pursue graduate studies in audiology, speech-language pathology, rehabilitation counseling, or related areas. Other graduates have obtained employment in any of a number of areas (social services, business, education, etc.).

Upon completing the master's degree, students specializing in speech-language pathology meet the academic and clinical requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence as well as state licensure and most qualify for certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Upon completing a doctoral degree (AuD), those specializing in audiology also meet the academic and clinical requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence and state licensure as well as the state hearing aid dispensing certificate. Students who complete master's degrees in rehabilitation counseling meet the educational requirements for the designation of Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool for students planning to enroll in the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders, with an emphasis in *rehabilitation services* in effort to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer. Community college students are advised to also complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer and to consult the [NIU Articulation Handbook](#) for information regarding the transferability of courses. All students planning to transfer are advised to consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences for detailed information. Students who enter the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders with the courses listed here and who have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree can usually expect to complete the NIU program in two years.

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Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer

AHCD 318	Medical Terminology (3)
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology (3)
PSYC 225	Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
STAT 208	Basic Statistics (3)
	or STAT 301, Elementary Statistics (4)

Courses to be Completed at NIU

AHRS 200	Disability in Society (3)
AHRS 327	Introduction to Rehabilitation Services (3)
AHRS 426	Introduction to Clinical Procedures in Deafness Rehabilitation (1)
AHRS 430	American Sign Language I (3)
AHRS 482	Post-Employment Services in Vocational Rehabilitation (3)
AHRS 492	Medical Aspects of Disability in Rehabilitation (3)
AHRS 493	Counseling in Communicative Disorders (3)
COMD 220	Introduction to Communicative Disorders (3)
COMD 403	Language Development (3)

Additional course work to be selected in consultation with adviser (27)

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#). Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu

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 - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
 - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (815) 753-6350
- ❖ School of Nursing and Health Studies
 - Nursing (815) 753-1231
 - Health Studies (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
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¹ Based on requirements in the 2008/2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*