

Major in Communicative Disorders: Emphasis 1: Speech Language Pathology/Audiology

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 *speech-language pathology/Audiology* 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)
BIOS 109 Human Biology (3),
or BIOS 357, Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
EPS 300 Educational Psychology (3)
MATH 210 Finite Mathematics (3)
or all of the following: MATH 110, College Algebra (3), MATH 155, Trigonometry and Elementary Functions (3), and MATH 229, Calculus I (4)
PHYS 150 Physics (3),
or PHYS 150A, Physics (4),
or PHYS 180, Acoustics, Music and Hearing (3),
or PHYS 210, General Physics I (4),
or PHYS 211, General Physics II (4)
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 430 American Sign Language I (3)
COMD 220 Introduction to Communicative Disorders (3)
COMD 221 Phonetics and Phonology (3)
COMD 323 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (3)
COMD 325A Introduction to Hearing Science (3)
COMD 325B Introduction to Hearing Science Laboratory (1)
COMD 326A Introduction to Speech Science (3)
COMD 326B Introduction to Speech Science Laboratory (1)
COMD 403 Language Development (3)
COMD 420 Introduction to Audiology (3)
COMD 421 Aural Rehabilitation (3)
COMD 423 Developmental Speech and Language Disorders (3)
COMD 424 Stuttering and Voice Disorders (3)
COMD 425 Neuropathologies of Speech and Language (3)
COMD 427 Introduction to Speech-Language Practicum (1)
COMD 428 Introduction to Hearing Practicum (1)
COMD 429 Assessment Procedures in Communicative Disorders (3)
ENGL 207 Fundamentals of English Grammar (3)
One of the following: AHRS 327, AHRS 493, AHRS 495
One of the following: FCNS 486, IDSP 465, PSYC 425, SOCI 356

¹ Based on requirements in the 2008/2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*

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

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
 - Clinical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
 - 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
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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