THE PROGRAM
The undergraduate program in CSDO at Texas A&M-Kingsville prepares students with background knowledge and training to apply for a graduate program in audiology and speech-language pathology (SLP) or to work as a SLP assistant. Our graduate program provides the academic and clinical training for a career as a speech-language pathologist. The integration of evidence-based practice with service and education ensures that the best clinical training practices are offered to our students.

THE SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC
The clinic serves as the learning site for graduate students studying to become speech language pathologists at Texas A&M-Kingsville in the Communication Sciences and Disorders department.

Students work under the direct supervision of nationally certified and licensed speech-language pathologists to service a variety of clients across the life span.

UNDERGRADUATE CSDO COURSES

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For a full list of CSDO major requirements visit website below and click the College of Arts & Sciences link.

WWW.TAMUK.EDU/ACADEMICS/CATALOG/2012-2014/

NEXT STEPS

1. WWW.ASHA.ORG
   AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING ASSOCIATION
   Visit to find out more about the occupation, job outlook, salaries, and job setting opportunities.

2. WWW.TAMUK.EDU/ARTSCI/CSDO
   DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS
   Visit for more information about the program.
WHAT IS A SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST &
SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT?

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients with communication and swallowing disorders. SLPs treat specific communication disorders such as stuttering, aphasia, articulation and language disorders, language-based learning disorders, reading difficulties, traumatic brain injury, voice and swallowing disorders, autism, dementia, and hearing loss. SLPs work with a wide variety of people, from infants to senior citizens, and often collaborate with other professionals such as teachers, physicians, social workers, occupational therapists (OTs), physical therapists (PTs), and audiologists. Speech-language pathologist assistants (SLPA) work under the supervision of a licensed SLP to follow treatment plans developed by the SLP and document client progress in treatment.

WHAT IS AN AUDIOLOGIST?

Audiologists (AUD) evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients with hearing and balance disorders. Audiologists treat specific hearing disorders such as hearing loss and tinnitus. Audiologists also can prescribe and fit hearing aids and other hearing assistance technologies such as cochlear implants. Some audiologists provide hearing rehabilitation training and treat individuals with central auditory processing disorder. Audiologists work with a wide variety of people, from infants to senior citizens, and often collaborate with other professionals such as teachers, physicians, social workers, OTs, PTs, and SLPs.

CAREERS IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The practice and work of speech-language pathologists and audiologists may take place in various settings:

- PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS
- HOSPITALS
- REHABILITATION CENTERS
- SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM NURSING CARE FACILITIES
- COMMUNITY CLINICS
- COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
- PRIVATE PRACTICE OFFICES
- STATE & LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
- ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS
- CENTERS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Source: asha.org-2013

FUTURE JOB OUTLOOK 2010–2020

UNITED STATES

-23% increase in SLP job openings
-37% increase in AUD job openings

Median Salary
Healthcare (SLP): $70,000
Healthcare (AUD): $75,000

Source: asha.org-2013