



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences

Mission Statement

To contribute to the scientific study of communication and its disorders, to educate students regarding the relevant knowledge and skills necessary for clinical and research endeavors in the field, and to provide service to the diverse populations of the university, community, state, and beyond.

Goals

The overarching goals of the department fall into the domains of research, teaching, and outreach/social impact.

Research

- To pursue an understanding of the complexities of communication sciences and disorders, and translate foundational knowledge to enhancement of clinical care.

Teaching

- To promote a welcoming and open environment where all can engage and learn.

Undergraduate education

- To foster critical thinking, writing proficiency, and skills for lifelong learning
- To provide high quality education in communication sciences and disorders
- To prepare students to continue their education with advanced degrees in audiology, speech-language pathology, communication sciences, or related areas.

Graduate education

- To educate highly qualified audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are well-grounded in principles of evidence-based practice
- To prepare the next generation of scientists in communication sciences and disorders

Outreach and Social Impact

- To advance the quality and accessibility of clinical services locally, nationally, and internationally.
- To educate the public regarding the science and clinical aspects of communication and its disorders
- To inform public policy relative to communication disorders



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2019 Strategic Plan for the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Strategic Priority 1

- To recruit, mentor, and retain strong, diverse faculty, and enhance the infrastructure for excellence in teaching and research.

Strategic Priority 2

- To provide exemplary education programs that prepare the next generation of scientists, clinicians, educators, and leaders in the field of communication sciences and disorders.

Strategic Priority 3

- To conduct state-of-the-art basic, translational, and clinical research in communication sciences and disorders.

Strategic Priority 4

- To enhance access to culturally competent, evidence-based clinical care for people with communication needs.

Strategic Priority 5

- To engage in outreach activities that directly benefit professional colleagues, students, and individuals and their families in the community.