

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Speech and Hearing Science

College of Arts and Sciences

Speech and hearing science is the study of normal functioning and disorders of the auditory system, the speech mechanism, and language processing. It is a diverse field with connections to a number of other disciplines, including anatomy, physiology, psychology, linguistics, medicine, and education.<sup>i</sup> The Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Hearing Science will lay a foundation for future study in the Communications Disorders discipline. There will be basic studies in areas such as acoustics, phonetics, language acquisition, speech science, hearing science, and communication disorders for both audiology and speech language pathology. The primary careers associated with the Speech and Hearing Science major are **Speech-Language Pathology** and **Audiology**. A graduate degree is required for both of these positions, and the Speech and Hearing Science major will prepare a student for admission to these programs.

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Consultant  
Sales Associate  
Marketing Coordinator

#### Communication and Media

Public Relations Specialist  
Editor/Publisher

#### Health Professions

Private Practitioner  
Mental Health Counselor  
Rehabilitation Counselor  
Occupational Therapist  
**Education**  
Clinical Supervisor  
Researcher  
Special Education Instructor

Speech Language Educator  
**Non-Profit/Advocacy**  
Social Worker  
Grant Writer  
**Government/Politics**  
Lawyer

*\*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

### Transferable Skills:

Biology Focus  
Mathematic Skills  
Facilitating Group Discussion  
Listening Skills  
Provide/Respond to Feedback  
Speaking Effectively  
Use Technology Effectively  
Written Communication

Counseling Skills  
Motivating Others  
Social Perceptiveness  
Teaching/Instructing Others  
Teamwork  
Developing Evaluation  
Strategies  
Identifying Problems

Research Skills  
Attention to Detail  
Judgment & Decision Making  
Prioritizing Tasks  
Creating Innovative Solutions  
Analytical/Critical Thinking

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:  
<http://ccss.osu.edu>*

### Professional Links:

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association: <http://www.asha.org/nsslha/>  
American Speech-Language Hearing Association: <http://www.asha.org/>  
American Academy of Audiology: <http://www.audiology.org/Pages/default.aspx>  
Buckeye Language Network: <http://bln.osu.edu/>  
American Auditory Society: <http://www.amauditorysoc.org/>