Hearing and Speech Sciences

What can I do with my major?

DEPARTMENT OF HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES

Skills Developed

Knowledge: Competencies in the areas of neuroanatomy and neurophysiology as they relate to typical and atypical speech, language and hearing.

Analysis: Identify how culture and linguistic differences impact the prevention, assessment, and treatment of communication, speech, language, and hearing.

Scientific fundamentals: Strong foundation of speech-language pathology and audiology, including etiologies and characteristics of disorders, prevention, assessment, and intervention.

Equity & Inclusion: Engage in culturally-responsive practices that consider the needs and interests of clients and families.

Related Careers

Career paths in hearing and speech often require an advanced degree. However, past HESP undergraduates have been successful in the following entry-level areas.

- Activities Assistant
- Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapist
- Certified Caregiver
- Child Life Specialist
- Corps Member
- Development Associate
- Early Intervention Instructional Therapist
- Educator
- Health Care Administration
- Lab Manager
- Medical Sales Consultant
- Newborn Hearing Screener
- Program Analyst
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Research Assistant/Lab Manager
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Career Paths/Graduate Schools HESP Majors Attended

Common Career Paths

Assessment & treatment of speech-language, voice, and swallowing disorders
Administration
Behavioral modification
Consultation
Prevention
Research
Screening
Teaching

Graduate Programs

Boston University
Columbia University
George Washington University
New York University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Towson University
University of Delaware
University of Maryland
Vanderbilt University

Organization Types

Community clinics
Education
Hospitals/Healthcare Facilities
Public/private K-12 schools
Rehabilitation centers
Research laboratories
State and local health departments
Universities and colleges
Youth-Based programs

Market Your Employable Skills

NACE Job Outlook Survey.

Forge a career path that builds upon your unique strengths and skills with the action items below.

Describe
Highlight skills from your coursework, campus involvement, or leadership experiences.

Develop
Create a persuasive narrative to share your skills.

Design
Your skills are portable across many industries. Research your fit.

Get started!

Technical Skills Acquired

HESP students gain many technical and soft skills through the coursework, including

- Analytical skills
- Basic statistics
- Critical thinking
- Interpersonal communication skills
- Oral and written communication
- Proactive and display initiative
- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- Research methods

Expand Your Skills & Network

Gain Experience
- Internship
- Research
- Leadership

Meet Employers
- Fair Events
- Terrapins Connect
- Intern For a Day

Career Planning
- Enrichment courses
- Handshake
- Gain Skills

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