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COMMUNICATION DISORDERS FAQS

What is Communication Disorders (CMDS)?

- The study of speech-language pathology and audiology.
- Our goal is to evaluate, diagnose, and treat disorders of speech patterns, language development, hearing, processing, and balance disorders.

What can I do with a Communication Disorders degree?

- To practice as a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, one must obtain a graduate degree in their chosen discipline from a nationally accredited program.
- Speech-language pathologists are required to earn a Master's level degree.
- Audiologists must earn a Doctorate of Audiology or Au.D degree.
- Jobs are available in the school systems, private practice, or a hospital-medical setting.

Why should I choose AUM's Communication Disorders Program?

- One of only a few in the country where undergraduate students receive direct clinical experience with patients.
- AUM students obtain required clinical training and experience patients through the Speech and Hearing Clinic.
- Students can complete approximately 60 hours of supervised experience in speech-language therapy and assessment. Students also complete approximately 10 observation hours with patients with hearing disorders.
- After graduation, students are qualified to work in the public-school system of Alabama as an assistant to a licensed speech therapist and/or attend graduate school.

How do I enroll in AUM's Communication Disorders Program?

- Students should first be accepted to AUM or currently enrolled at AUM.
- At least 50 hours of core curriculum coursework should be completed.
- Students should spend their junior and senior years completing CMDS coursework.
- GPA requirement of 2.75.
- Applications are due June 1st (Fall admission only).
- For more information and the admission application, please visit our website: https://www.aum.edu/nursingandhealth/academic-departments-2/comdisorders/

Who should I contact if I have questions or need more information?

- Please contact Molly Trammell at mbelew@aum.edu or (334) 244-3408.

Note: All academic programs in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are professional limited access programs. Students must apply to each desired individual program. Students must be currently enrolled at AUM or have documentation of acceptance by the Admissions Office.