Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders
Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer.

Community college students are encouraged to

- Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer
- Utilize the NIU Articulation Handbook for information regarding the transferability of courses. Select your school and intended major to check for “Limited Admissions Programs Transfer Course Equivalents” (if appropriate) provided by the NIU Transfer Center. Articulation Handbook: http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits.shtml
- Consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences and/or review the websites for their intended majors for detailed information about special requirements, program admission requirements, and course requirements. www.chhs.niu.edu

The major in Communicative Disorders provides a basic liberal arts education along with a foundation of basic, but highly specialized, information about normal communication development as well as disorders of speech, language, swallowing, and hearing.

Students with an undergraduate degree in communication disorders often go on to study audiology or speech-language pathology at the graduate level. Other graduates have obtained employment in any of a number of areas (social services, business, education, etc.) or continued their education in another discipline such as medicine, law, education, or counseling.

Speech-language pathologists assess and treat individuals of all ages with a variety of speech, language, and swallowing disorders. Audiologists assess hearing and vestibular function, work to prevent hearing loss, and provide non-medical treatment, including hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive devices, and aural rehabilitation to individuals with hearing loss. For both professions there is a major focus on the importance of the family in the rehabilitation process.

Major in Communicative Disorders

Courses Highly Recommended Prior to Transfer

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>BOLS 109</td>
<td>Human Biology (3),</td>
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<td>or BOLS 357</td>
<td>Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)</td>
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<td>EPS 300</td>
<td>Educational Psychology (3)</td>
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<td>HSCI 318</td>
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<td>MATH 210</td>
<td>Finite Mathematics (3)</td>
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<td>or MATH 155</td>
<td>Trigonometry &amp; Elementary Functions (3)</td>
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<td>PSYC 102</td>
<td>Introduction to Psychology (3)</td>
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1 Based on requirements in the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog
PSYC 225  Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
STAT 208  Basic Statistics (3)
or STAT 301  Elementary Statistics (4)
PHYS 150  Physics (3)
or PHYS 180  Acoustics, Music and Hearing (3)
or PHYS 210  General Physics I (4)

Courses to be Completed at NIU
COMD 220  Introduction to Communicative Disorders (3)
COMD 221  Phonetics and Phonology (3)
COMD 300  Introduction to Audiology (3)
COMD 305  Language Development (3)
COMD 323  Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (3)
COMD 325  Introduction to Hearing and Speech Science (4)
COMD 330  Neuroscience of Communication and Associated Behaviors (3)
COMD 429  Assessment Procedures in Communicative Disorders (3)
COMD 435  Clinical Procedures and Professional Issues (3)
Two of the following (6-7):
   AHCD 480  Internship: AHCD (3)
or GERO 467  Fieldwork in Gerontology (3) & GERO 467A Pre-Practicum Seminar (1)
REHB 495  Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation (3)
Or SESE 461  Assistive Technology for Individuals with Autism & Multiple Disabilities (3)
COMD 421  Aural Rehabilitation (3)
COMD 423  Developmental Speech and Language Disorders (3)
COMD 424  Acquired Speech and Language Disorders (3)
ENGL 207  Fundamentals of English Grammar (3)
REHB 200  Disability in Society (3)
REHB 493  Counseling in Rehabilitation Services (3)
One of the following:
   COMD 366X  Health Aspects of Aging (3)
   GERO 465  Issues in Gerontology (3)
   HDFS 486  Aging & the Family (3)
   PSYC 425  Adult Development and Aging (3)

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current NIU Undergraduate Catalog. Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu

- College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- Department of Military Science (815) 753-6239
- School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
- School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
- School of Health Studies
  Medical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  Nutrition, Dietetics & Wellness (815) 753-1384
  Public Health: (815) 753-1384
- School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions
  Health Sciences and Rehabilitation & Disability Services (815) 753-1891
- School of Nursing
  Nursing: (815) 753-1231
- Gerontological Program (815) 753-1891
- Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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