



The IUP Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology program aspires to:

Provide quality academic training that emphasizes evidence-based content using pedagogies that allow for synthesis and application of knowledge in a supportive environment

Teach students to value, critically appraise, and judiciously implement the best examples of current clinical research to continually update their practice paradigm

Foster a mindset of collaboration through interprofessional and clinical experiences that involve the community, clients and families

Develop sensitivity to cultural, linguistic, and individual diversity

Serve as a community resource for individuals with communication, swallowing, and/or hearing disorders and their families

Contribute to the knowledge base of the discipline of communication sciences and disorders.

The mission of the Bachelor of Science program in speech-language pathology and audiology is to provide an innovative and high quality academic program that prepares students to enter graduate programs in speech-language pathology, audiology, or other professions, with a strong foundation in human communication, swallowing, and hearing.

The mission of the Master of Science program in speech-language pathology is to provide excellent academic, professional and clinical preparation which reflects the art and science of our discipline. Graduates will be prepared to engage in interprofessional collaboration to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by communication, swallowing, and hearing disorders.

Graduates of both programs will be lifelong learners who fulfill the university goals of becoming critical thinkers and effective communicators. They will demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors that adhere to the high standards of contemporary practice in a culturally diverse and global society.

The mission of the IUP Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic is to provide the highest quality preventative and (re)habilitative services across our scope of practice to the IUP and surrounding communities. We do this by scaffolding and supporting our students to translate evidenced-based, theoretical knowledge into clinical practice and ensure that patient care is culturally and linguistically sensitive across the lifespan. Similarly, we strive to collaborate with other service providers both inter- and intra-professionally. Lastly, we endeavor to align the mission and goals of our clinic with the IUP Speech-Language Pathology Program mission and vision, the university's strategic plan, and the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association's code of ethics.

Students will be able to:

1. Explain the foundations of and methods for measuring typical speech, language, swallowing, and hearing function across the lifespan.
2. Describe the clinical signs of and etiologies related to speech, language, swallowing, and hearing disorders.
3. Demonstrate disciplinary skills required for clinical work in speech-language pathology and audiology.
4. Explain features of cultural and linguistic diversity and their effects on communication, both normal and disordered.

