



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## College of Health and Human Sciences

# Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders

## Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

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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](http://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<sup>1</sup>

#### Courses Highly Recommended Prior to Transfer

BIOS 109	Human Biology (3), or BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
EPS 300	Educational Psychology (3)
HSCI 318	Medical Terminology (3)
MATH 210	Finite Mathematics (3) or MATH 155 Trigonometry & Elementary Functions (3)
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology (3)

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu)

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- ❖ 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
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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