Speech and hearing science is the study of normal functioning and disorders of the auditory system, the speech mechanism, and language processing. It is a diverse field with connections to a number of other disciplines, including anatomy, physiology, psychology, linguistics, medicine, and education. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Hearing Science will lay a foundation for future study in the Communications Disorders discipline. There will be basic studies in areas such as acoustics, phonetics, language acquisition, speech science, hearing science, and communication disorders for both audiology and speech language pathology. The primary careers associated with the Speech and Hearing Science major are Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. A graduate degree is required for both of these positions, and the Speech and Hearing Science major will prepare a student for admission to these programs.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Private Practitioner
- Mental Health Counselor
- Social Worker
- Grant Writer

**Consultant**
- Speech Language Educator
- Non-Profit/Advocacy

**Sales Associate**
- Social Worker

**Marketing Coordinator**
- Occupational Therapist
- Lawyer

**Communication and Media**
- Education
- Clinical Supervisor
- Government/Politics

**Public Relations Specialist**
- Clinical Supervisor
- Social Worker

**Editor/Publisher**
- Researcher

**Health Professions**
- Special Education Instructor
- Grant Writer

**Private Practitioner**
- Social Worker

**Transferable Skills:**

- Biology Focus
- Counseling Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Counseling Skills
- Motivating Others
- Research Skills
- Social Perceptiveness
- Attention to Detail
- Mathematics Skills
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Facilitating Group Discussion
- Teamwork
- Prioritizing Tasks
- Listening Skills
- Developing Evaluation
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Speaking Effectively
- Strategies
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Use Technology Effectively
- Identifying Problems
- Written Communication

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Professional Links:**

- American Academy of Audiology: [http://www.audiology.org/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.audiology.org/Pages/default.aspx)
- Buckeye Language Network: [http://bln.osu.edu/](http://bln.osu.edu/)