

Communication Disorders Program

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Executive Summary

Our Vision: The Communication Disorders Program fosters a community of culturally competent scholars, practitioners, and students by utilizing evidence-based practice in the implementation of diverse academic and clinical learning experiences while demonstrating a commitment to clinically relevant research and community service initiatives.

Our Mission: The mission of the Communication Disorders Program is to prepare culturally and socially responsible speech-language pathologists who engage in ethical and evidence-based clinical practice, research, and leadership initiative for the promotion of effective communication across the lifespan for the well-being of a global society.

Envisioning Our Future:

1. Become a Department of Communication Disorders
2. Fund and house research laboratories
3. Achieve a broader depth and diversity of clinical services and clinical opportunities (e.g. aural rehabilitation, speech, language, and swallowing services)
4. Provide telepractice and other clinical service
5. Establish HIPAA compliant IT services to meet the needs of the program
6. Provide clinical services to rural counties
7. Create/Launch a doctoral program in Communication Disorders
8. Institute an interdisciplinary school promoting an increase in the university's focus on health professions (nursing, physical therapy, social work, psychology, etc.)

Focus Area: Resources

Goal 1: The Communication Disorders Program will monitor and manage resources needed in order to implement program activities and plan for future growth and innovation.

Focus Area: Partnerships

Goal 1: The Program will expand local and global partnerships with educational and healthcare institutions and foster collaborative research, clinical and educational initiatives.

Focus Area: Academic and Clinical Education

Goal 1: The Program will assess the pedagogical effectiveness of the academic and clinical education.

Focus Area: Research

Goal 1: The Program will enhance the intellectual climate by promoting research and scholarship.

Focus Area: Professional Development

Goal 1: The Communication Disorders Program will promote the professional growth and development of faculty.