Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are health professionals focused on the processes and disorders of speech, language, and hearing.

Speech-language pathologists study the production of speech and language and work with children and adults who have disorders affecting their ability to communicate. Audiologists study the physical, physiological and psychological aspects of hearing, and provide intervention and technology-based rehabilitation to persons with hearing loss and problems with balance. The speech-language pathology and audiology program in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences provides the foundation for graduate study leading to clinical certification and career opportunities as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

**Careers in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

Speech-language pathology and audiology are professions consistently rated among the best careers for the changing job landscape.

Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are employed in schools, private practices and healthcare facilities.

Students completing the BS degree, and who meet state requirements, may apply for licensure as assistants in speech-language pathology and can provide therapy services under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

The University’s Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing their careers. Licensed counselors are available to help clarify career goals, provide strategies for mastering job interviews and writing professional cover letters and resumes and help students connect with campus recruiters.

**Speech-Language and Audiology at UT Dallas**

The BS in speech language pathology and audiology requires 120 hours to graduate: 42 hours from the University’s core curriculum, 36 hours in speech language pathology and audiology courses and 42 hours of electives. Students are encouraged to select electives in psychology or child learning and development to complement their coursework in speech-language pathology and audiology.

**Internships**

Junior and senior speech-language pathology and audiology majors with at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible to receive college credit for a volunteer internship in the community.

**Fast-Track**

The Fast-Track program enables undergraduate students to take up to 15 hours of graduate courses that will count toward both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in applied cognition and neuroscience, communication disorders, or human development and early childhood disorders. Students must have at least 90 credit hours and meet the graduate admission requirements to qualify.
The School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences is focused on the intersection of mind, brain and behavior. Through the school’s research-intensive culture, our professors and students work together to unravel mysteries that will improve human lives. A large number of BBS undergraduates participate in hands-on research in our many scientific laboratories. Our research teams translate the latest research into treatments and share this knowledge through community outreach. The school provides innovative training and research, offering an array of programs to develop creative thinkers. Undergraduate training in BBS prepares students to enter graduate schools or the workplace, leading to successful careers in health, science, education, child and social services, innovation, and/or the business world.

BBS undergraduates enter many career pathways. In health, they study medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, clinical psychology, optometry and more. In science, they develop careers as investigators, technicians, clinical trial coordinators and educators. Besides clinical and scientific careers, many other BBS alumni are leaders in social services, child interventions, technology development, human factors and software design, among other things.

Degrees Offered
Bachelor of Science: Child learning and development, cognitive science, neuroscience, psychology, speech-language pathology and audiology

Master of Science: Applied cognition and neuroscience, communication disorders, human development and early childhood disorders, psychological sciences

Doctor of Philosophy: Cognition and neuroscience, communication sciences and disorders, psychological sciences

Doctor of Audiology: Audiology

Academic Areas
- Neuroscience – This program focuses primarily on cell and circuit plasticity in the nervous system and how this influences behavior. Major research strengths are in learning and memory; targeted plasticity for therapeutic intervention; and sensory neurobiology and pain.

- Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences – Based at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders, this program emphasizes clinically applied research training in speech, language and hearing and in all disorders that affect the ability of children and adults to communicate.

- Psychology – This area focuses on all aspects of cognitive, developmental, and social psychology and cognitive neuroscience. Areas of expertise include learning and memory; reasoning; perception; modeling; lifespan development (from early childhood through the oldest old); and brain disease (e.g., autism, schizophrenia, traumatic injury, neurodegeneration, addiction).

Additional Facts about BBS
- Our Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology programs are ranked #4 and #12 in the nation respectively, according to U.S. News and World Report.

- The school is home to leading experts in psychology, neuroscience and speech, language, and hearing sciences.

- In fiscal year 2019, BBS faculty members were responsible for nearly $13 million in total research funding, including roughly $12 million from NIH, NSF and DoD.

- BBS has more than 2,300 undergraduate students and nearly 600 graduate students.