Nearly every student who earns a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Fredonia’s competitive program in Communications Disorders and Sciences chooses to pursue a master’s degree as well—either at Fredonia or another institution—to achieve their goal of certification and licensure. The department also offers a minor in Communications Disorders and Sciences to undergraduates seeking to enhance other majors. The department seeks to combine professional preparation with a solid grounding in general and liberal education. The graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) make a difference in the lives of individuals who are unable to communicate. Perhaps you know a family member whose speaking ability improved after receiving therapy from a speech-language pathologist. Maybe you have a friend who is hearing impaired and wears a hearing aid or have a family member who had a stroke and could not swallow until receiving therapy. They were all helped by SLPs. SUNY Fredonia’s Bachelor of Science program in Communication Disorders and Sciences, a pre-professional, non-certification program, and its master’s degree program in Speech-Language Pathology can prepare you for this challenging career.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the nation will need about 120,000 speech-language pathologists by 2012. The demand has grown in part because of the improvement in the diagnosis of speech and language impairments.

The department actively supports students in research, scholarship, creative processes, clinical practice, and service to the community. To achieve these goals, the program provides supervised diagnostic and outpatient services at the Henry C. Youngerman Center for Communication Disorders, located in Thompson Hall. The Speech-Language Pathology master’s degree program is built around two equally necessary sectors: the academic program and the clinical program. There are three specialized laboratories for research and clinical training, including a Speech Production Laboratory, a Communication Disorders Laboratory including state-of-the-art speech instrumentation, and a Language Laboratory.

Most speech-language pathologists select the profession due to a personal experience.

In 2008 and 2009, 100% of Fredonia graduates passed the national Praxis® assessment exam for licensure and certification on the first attempt and are employed.

Graduate school training bridges the realms of academic and clinical learning.