

Executive Summary: Strategic plan 2021-2023

Mission Statement

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CMSD) engages and empowers a diverse student population in the acquisition of knowledge and skills in communication sciences and disorders and swallowing across the lifespan. Through innovative and interactive curriculum design, faculty mentored research, evidence-based clinical service delivery, and dedicated outreach to the community, students will be prepared to provide high-quality, culturally responsive services and serve as leaders in the field.

The faculty and staff in the CMSD Department are committed to excellence by continually monitoring, assessing, and improving the academic and clinical components of the program.

The plan was developed to provide the CMSD Department with a focus that is in congruence with Piedmont University's mission and values.

Piedmont University is committed to the renovation of Hendricks Hall beginning Summer of 2022. Hendricks Hall will house the CMSD Department academic and clinical facilities. The building will include a networking system, classrooms, faculty and staff offices, a student resource room, individual and group clinic rooms and several clinical research spaces including a Voice and Vocology Lab, Clinical Research Lab, and an AAC Lab. Our new clinic will have a cutting-edge video-capture system to digitally record all clinical sessions for live and play-back analysis by students and supervisors.

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A. GOAL: Create and coordinate academic and clinical programs and student services

Objective 1: To develop BS/MS curriculum and complete candidacy application and requirements

Objective 2: To develop interprofessional, diverse clinical opportunities

Objective 3: To develop innovative course work

Objective 4: To develop common areas for program development across disciplines

Objective 5: To develop sustainable levels of enrollment and strong levels of retention and graduation

B. GOAL: Connect the communities we serve with CMSD mission, accomplishments and aspirations

Objective 1: To develop local and regional clinical and academic relationships

Objective 2: To develop national and international clinical and academic relationships

Implementation and Assessment

The 2021-2023 Strategic Plan for the Department of Communication Sciences has been formally reviewed and approved by the Dean of the College Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Julie Behr, and the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Dr. Dan Silber. The plan and the results of the regular evaluation of the plan and its implementation will be shared with faculty, students, staff, alumni, and other interested parties.

Following candidacy approval, a strategic plan for the master's degree in speech-language pathology program will be publicized.