**Speech and Hearing Sciences (CSDI) Transcript**

**Slide 1 (Welcome):**

Hello and Welcome to ECU! My name is Melissa Watterson and I will be your academic advisor if you are interested in the speech and hearing sciences major also referred to as CSDI. Today I will be going over everything you need to know about the speech and hearing sciences major if you are considering this field.

**Slide 2 (Transcript available for you):**

Attached to this slide is a copy of the full transcript of this presentation. Please make sure to click the link below to view the information shared with you today.

**Slide 3 (Welcome to Pirate Nation):**

From everyone here at ECU, we welcome you! Know that through the College of Allied health sciences, you will have support from faculty and staff members during your journey as a pirate. Our Program director, Dr. Joy Kennedy would like to say Welcome to East Carolina University where you are valued as an undergraduate student. Best wishes in your academic endeavors!

**Slide 4 (Meet your Advisor):**

Hey! That’s me! Here is just some things to know about me as your academic advisor. Along with begin a graduate from ECU two times for my undergraduate and master’s degree, I have been advising since 2017, I also teach public speaking through the school of communication at ECU. My undergraduate advising areas consists of: Speech and hearing sciences, rehabilitation services, clinical lab science, and I also advise for students that are interested in Pre-physician assistant and Pre-physical therapy.

**Slide 5 (What is Speech and hearing?):**

We will start with defining what speech and hearing is. Speech and hearing sciences can also be called CSDI or communication sciences and disorders. Speech-language pathologists work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Audiologists are health-care professionals who evaluate, diagnose, treat, and manage hearing loss, and balance disorders in newborns, children, and adults. The undergraduate program in speech and hearing sciences emphasizes the normal processes of speech, hearing, and language. What this undergraduate degree does, is prepare students to attend graduate school in either Speech pathology (which is 2 years) or Audiology (a doctorate, which is 4 years after undergrad). This means that you MUST attend graduate school in order to practice in your chosen field.

**Slide 6 (What courses will I be taking?):**

So what courses will I be taking? There are two words that you may here during your time here in this major. Intended and declared. Intended means that you have not been admitted into the program yet. Declared means that you have (yay) and you are taking your CORE CSDI courses. You will not be able to take any CSDI courses other than 2100 until you are declared. The two years that you are in the program are set. Meaning that you cannot fast track through the program and you must take the courses when they are offered. When you are an intended student, you will be focusing on your general education courses such as English, health, kinesiology, etc. and also your pre-req courses which are CSDI 2100,
psychology 1000, ling 3760, and a biology with lab course. When you are a declared student, you will take CSDI courses, along with finishing up any general education classes you need. You can also have a minor to help reach your 120 credits for graduation. Your minor options can included anything! Some common minors are, Hispanic students, disabilities studies, communication.

Slide 7 (Degree Plan):

This is a copy of our generic 4 year degree plan. Your degree plan will give you an idea of all the courses required for this major. Normally students look to take around 15 hours a semester to graduate in four years. Once you are in the program, that is when you will take your CSDI coursework. This degree plan will be sent to you or, you can take a screenshot of this slide and keep it!

Slide 8 (How do I know this major is right for me?):

So how do I know this major/career is right for me? If you are thinking of speech or hearing as a future career, some characteristics are: problem solving, communication, compassion, you enjoy helping others, patience, being team orientated, and you are interested in healthcare.

Slide 9 (Admissions process):

Our admissions process includes an application and an interview once a year. Admission into ECU does not guarantee admission into this program. All pre-req courses/cognates and general education coursework must be completed. Students must have a B or better in CSDI 2100 and a C or better in all other pre-reqs. This program is competitive, and you must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 to apply. You will know a lot more about this process when it comes closer to your time to apply.

Slide 10 (My recommendations for your fall schedule):

Now I would like to talk about my recommendations for your fall schedule. You should be familiar with the PIER website as this will guide you with registration. The great thing about the speech and hearing major is that your first semester is flexible. You can fit in general education courses and/or pre-reqs. Do not stress if you are unable to get into every course that you would like to take for the fall. This is common and we will make sure that you are good to go with everything before classes begin. On the PIER website, it shows that you can take BIOL 1050/1051 but you can also register for BIOL 1100/1101 which is a higher level and that will count for BIOL 1050/1051. Just remember that I will be assisting you as your advisor, to help modify your schedule once you have done the best you can.

Slide 11 (Additional information):

Here is just some additional information that I thought would be helpful for you. Number 1, go ahead and get into the mindset that you will be attention graduate school. This way you can set yourself up for success early on. Number 2, some pre-req courses will be challenging and this is common. Check out some resources that ECU offers like the Pirate Academic Success Center, you can also reach out to your classmates, professors and me. Number 3, start volunteering and shadowing in the area you wish to work in. This can help you decide what you do want to do or maybe what you are not that interested in. Lastly, consider joining clubs and organizations here at ECU that are related to your interests.

Slide 12 (Statistics about CSDI major):
For CSDI, the average GPA of students that are admitted into the undergraduate program is a 3.6/3.7. The amount of students admitted has doubled from 30 to 60 and we receive around 60 or more applications each cycle. Students also must maintain a 3.2 gpa or higher to stay in the CSDI program.

**Slide 13 (Job outlook, Salary, and Location?):**

Now I will talk about the job outlook, salary and the job location! SLPs work in many different research, education, and health care settings with varying roles, levels of responsibility, and client populations. Because of the high demand for speech-language pathology services opportunities may be available depending on location, desired facility, employment flexibility, and other factors. In many settings, SLPs often work as part of a collaborative, interdisciplinary team, which may include teachers, physicians, audiologists, psychologists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, and rehabilitation counselors. Your salary can vary depending on your location, educational background, and experience. According to the 2015 ASHA health care survey, annual salaries range from 70,000 to 93,000. The profession continues to grow for a variety of reasons, including the rapid increase in aging populations, medical advances that improve the survival rate of preterm infants as well as trauma and stroke patients, growth in elementary- and secondary-school enrollments, and increasing demand in health care and private practice settings.

**Slide 14 (Contact information/closing slide):**

I hope that you were able to learn more about our speech and hearing sciences major at ECU. I cant wait to meet you! Here is my contact information if you have any additional questions for me. Go pirates!