

Parallel Major: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

- 1) I chose this major because all my siblings have some type of speech impediment whether that's stuttering or rhotacism, which is the inability to pronounce the R sound. I think it would be interesting to actually learn about language and the concept of how our mouths move to create words.
- 2) Facts about the major:
 - a. This major allows students to understand normal processes involved in speech, language, and hearing abilities. It also allows students to be able to identify communication disorders and introduces students to clinical. Procedures for assessment and treatment of communication disorders.
 - b. Students must have completed a year of course work at Old Dominion and have a GPA of at least a 2.5.
- 3) A job that I noticed came up a lot is a speech teacher at a school both at the preschool and the elementary school level. This job involves sort of coaching and teaching young kids how to say and shape their mouth to pronounce certain words.
- 4) Create a Plan
 - a) Additional classes required: Oral Communication, Information Literacy & Research, Philosophy and Ethics, Literature, and Impact of Technology
 - b) I could gain professional experience to learn more about this area of study by shadowing a speech pathologist in a school or in his or her private practice.
 - c) The advisors for this major are Trey Mayo, Rob Batchelder, Ciera Harris, and Nola Nicholson