



# KAYLA

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

### ABOUT MY MAJOR

I would describe my major, Communication Disorders, as a good mix between science and language. We take different science classes that teach us the anatomy and physiology behind our speaking mechanisms, and then our language classes relate to how we produce that speech and language.

### CHOOSING MY MAJOR

I come from a family of educators and I always thought I wanted to be a teacher. But when I was a senior in high school, I was helping in a first grade classroom and I realized that I liked the more one-on-one interactions with students, as opposed to working with an entire group of students.

### MINORS & CERTIFICATES

I have an Educational Studies minor which I think works well with the major because I do plan to work in a school system, so the classes for that minor are education classes. But I do know other people who minored in things like Mental Health and Gerontology, which also relate really well to our field.

## INTERNSHIPS

I did not complete an internship. I work at a daycare each summer, which has really prepared me because it gave me a lot of exposure to working with kids with different levels of speech and language skills. It's just really good exposure to see typically developing kids.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

I will go to graduate school to become a Speech-Language Pathologist and I hope to work in a school setting. This major has two paths you can take. You can either become a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist. Audiologists are the hearing side of things, so they help people with hearing aids determine their hearing loss and they also work with balance.