The Cultural-Linguistic Diversity concentration is designed to examine ways that individual communication differences, including disorders, interface with sociocultural systems, institutions, and practices. Students will take courses in theory and research methods to explore ways in which sociolinguistic differences shape child development, socialization, and identity. This concentration is intended to help provide students with knowledge related to cultural-linguistic differences (race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, neurodiversity) that is needed to serve an increasingly global society concerned with human rights and responsibilities. Such expertise is expected to enhance multiple career paths in education, law, business, and health-related fields. In addition, undergraduates interested in pursuing careers as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist can combine this concentration with pre-certification requirements.

More information about the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology may be found on the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's web site: http://www.asha.org.