

Department of Communication Disorders & Sciences Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022

**Rush University Medical Center
Mission Statement:**
The mission of Rush is to improve the health of the individuals and diverse communities we serve through the integration of outstanding patient care, education, research and community partnerships.

Vision Statement:
Rush will be the leading academic health system in the region and nationally recognized for transforming health care.

**Rush University
Mission Statement:**
Rush University provides outstanding health sciences education and conducts impactful research in a culture of inclusion, focused on the promotion and preservation of the health and well-being of our diverse communities.

Vision Statement:
The Rush learning community will be the leading health sciences university committed to transforming health care through innovative research and education.

**College of Health Sciences
Mission Statement:**
The mission of the College of Health Sciences is to advance the quality and availability of health care through excellence in education, research and scholarship, service and patient care. The College promotes the values of diversity, access and inclusion in all of its endeavors.

Vision Statement:
The College of Health Sciences at Rush University will be a world class school of allied health sciences whose programs are recognized as among the best in the United States.

**Department of Communication Disorders & Sciences
Mission Statement:** The Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences at Rush University Medical Center integrates outstanding graduate education, superior patient care, excellence in research and scholarship, and service to diverse communities.

Vision Statement: The clinical and graduate education programs of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences will be recognized as among the best in the United States.

Objective 1: To enhance relationships with the Rush SLP Clinic by increasing 50% of the academic appointment in CDS of Rush clinical supervisors by 2022.

Objective 2: To create a Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Student Community Outreach Program of Excellence (SCOPE) by 2021.

Objective 3: Build up an infrastructure for demonstrating evidence-based clinical practice through the Rush Teacher-Practitioner Model by 2021 in the renewed clinical environment.

Strategic Goal 1
To advance Excellence and Education, the department will enhance and increase clinical education opportunities for students

Strategic Goal 2
To advance Excellence and Education, the department will increase educational reach to broader communities through multiple modalities

Objective 1: To design online continuing education courses in audiology and speech-language pathology by 2022.

Objective 2: To become a major sponsor for a national or international novel conference in Audiology by 2022.

Objective 3: To establish two clinical instrumental training programs for practicing Speech-Language Pathologists by 2022.