

# **Communication Sciences and Disorders 2020-2025 Strategic Vision**

**\*Please note that each of the four major goals has been organized into action items according to the department's four-fold mission of research, teaching, clinical/ entrepreneurial work, and community advocacy**

## **1. Build on Strengths in Hearing and Deafness**

### **Research**

- Hire tenure track faculty with emphasis on specialization in Aural Rehabilitation and Cochlear Implantation
- Direct department RIA and other funds to support research proposals in this area with specific focus on emerging areas of interest
- Encourage doctoral research and MS theses in these areas

### **Teaching**

- Pursue Interpreter Training Program accreditation
- Continue to fund growth of the Deaf Studies Program

### **Clinical/Business-Related Activity**

- Promote clinical research in this area using the expanded community and clinical partnerships
- Grow Hands On USF to include increased community interpretation opportunities

- Increase marketing of the Audiology clinic, Speech Clinic, Bolesta Center, and HOUSF

### **Community Advocacy**

- Promote CSD's strength in Hearing and Deafness to the wider community through expanded activities (exploring preschool, community youth center, Bolesta Expansion, community ASL classes, etc.)
- Capitalize on increased community involvement to pursue development opportunities

## **2. Build on Strengths in Literacy**

### **Research**

- Pursue TT hires with specialization in literacy to build on collaborations within the college
- Use expanded partnerships in hearing and deafness to pursue research synergies in Literacy
- Use CBCS partnerships to increase doctoral recruits and MS theses in this area
- Direct department RIA and other funds to support research proposals in this area

### **Clinical/Business-related Activity**

- Consider expanding literacy training in the Clinic

### **Community Advocacy**

- Increase partnerships with community members, especially the local school systems

### **3. Build on Interprofessional Practice/Interprofessional Education**

#### **Research**

- Direct department RIA and other funds to support research proposals in this area

#### **Teaching**

- Incentivize interprofessional teaching with release times, funded guest lectures, shared coursework, etc.
- Increase the number of interprofessional visitors (guest lectures, grand rounds, classroom visits)
- Develop simulation opportunities that incorporate other disciplines within USF

#### **Clinical/Business-related Activities**

- Capitalize on USF Health's growing interest in IPP/IPE in concert with CBCS efforts
- Provide opportunities for outside experts within our clinics (beginning with Social Work)

#### **Community Outreach**

- Increase CEUS offered to all fields across all specializations (SLP to AUD, ITT to AUD, etc)

#### **4. Take Advantage of Emergent Opportunities in Voice, Neuro, and Dysphagia**

##### **Research**

- Hire TT faculty who can collaborate with instructors and clinical faculty in these areas
- Build partnerships within USF Health and with external medical facilities to increase research in these areas
- Direct department RIA and other funds to support research proposals in this area

##### **Teaching**

- Build partnerships within USF Health and with external medical facilities to increase training opportunities in these areas

##### **Clinic**

- Increase clinical activity in these areas through investment in equipment