

Northwestern University Library
Collection Development Policy Statement

Communication Science and Disorders

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I. Brief overview of the collection

A. *History of the collection*

Not applicable

B. *Broad subject areas emphasized or de-emphasized*

Speech and language pathology, audiology and hearing sciences, learning disabilities, and human communication sciences.

C. *Collection locations*

The Communication Science and Disorders collection is housed in the University Library.

Related materials are also found at the Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science and Engineering and the Galter Health Sciences Library.

II. Purpose or objectives

Northwestern University has a long history of excellence in teaching and research in the field of communication sciences and disorders the library's collection completely supports these needs. The Communication Sciences and Disorders Department of the School of Speech offers an undergraduate major in communication sciences and disorders and M.A., Ph.D., and post-doctoral programs in speech and language pathology, audiology and hearing sciences, and learning disabilities. The department also offers a pre-med major through their Human Communication Sciences program. The department's programs meet the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech and language pathology and audiology. The department also runs the Evanston Hearing Clinic, the Evanston Aural Rehabilitation Clinic, the Chicago Hearing Service, Speech and Language Clinics, and the Cleft Lip and Palate Institute.

III. Library unit or title of the selector responsible for this collection

Bibliographer for Communication Sciences and Disorders

IV. Scope of the subject coverage

A. *Language*

English

B. *Geographical scope*

Emphasis is on the United States.

C. *Chronological scope*

Current materials emphasized

D. *Publication dates collected*

Current materials emphasized

E. *Formats and genres*

1. *Inclusions*

Monographs

Periodicals, in print and electronic formats, and access to periodical articles in full-text
Reports and proceedings of associations, conferences, congresses, institutions, societies, symposia, etc.

Reference works, in print and electronic formats, in cooperation with the Reference Department

Government publications, in print and electronic formats

Electronic formats: library purchased or fee-based access is selected when appropriate

2. *Exclusions*

Antiquarian titles

Manuscripts
Non-NU dissertations
Audiovisual materials

V. Acquisitions procedures affecting collection policies

A. Standing Orders

Selected standing orders for monographic series in the communication sciences and disorders.

B. Approval plans and blanket orders

A major vendor supplies all U.S. university press titles according to the library's profile of subject interests. The vendor also supplies notification slips for all titles from major U.S. publishers that fit NU Library's profile. Approval plans supply very few titles in communication sciences and disorders. Most titles are selected from specialized publishers' catalogs in the field and from faculty requests.

C. Gifts and exchanges

The library welcomes gifts of books and other materials that are of exceptional quality, within the scope of the library's collecting activities, do not duplicate current holdings, and that enhance and support teaching and research at Northwestern.

VI. Duplication with other NU library units

None

VII. Expensive purchases

Expensive purchases are considered on an individual basis in relation to the scope of the collection policy and to available funding.

VIII. Interdisciplinary collections

None

IX. Purchases with endowed funds

None

X. Cooperation with other libraries

A. Other resources, including local, regional or national libraries

None

B. Consortia

See Introduction

XI. Policies for purchasing journal article reprints or electronic files on demand

Not applicable

XII. Other factor of local importance

Related materials found at the Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science and Engineering and at the Galter Health Sciences Library.

XIII. Collection levels

NUL collects on the Research Level 4 in communication sciences and disorders.
Language Code is E (English-only).

Conspectus subject categories Current collecting intensity

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and Disorders