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School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences

Empowering individuals through communication

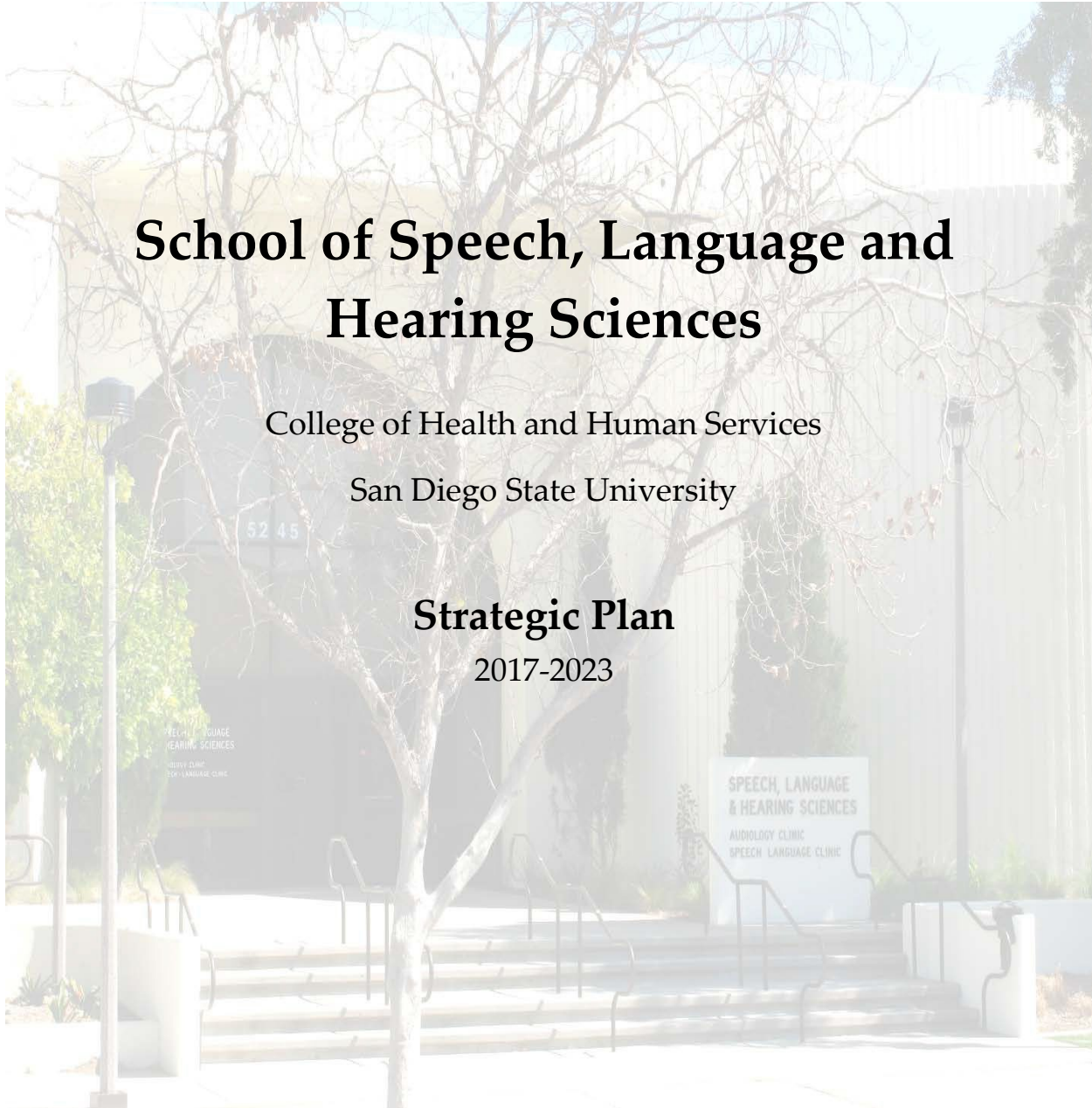
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College of Health and Human Services

San Diego State University

Strategic Plan

2017-2023



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) is anchored in a long history of excellence in academia, research and clinical services. Of our six academic programs within SLHS, two are ASHA accredited entry degree programs to clinical employment:

- [M.A. program in Speech-Language Pathology \(SLP\)](#)

The SLP program is the entry-level degree for a certified/licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. It is 5 semesters (two academic years and the intervening summer) with one year of clinical training in the on-campus clinic followed by two off-campus clinical experiences (1 semester pediatric-- e.g., in a school; 1 semester adult-- e.g., in a hospital).

- [SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral program in Audiology \(AUD\)](#)

The AUD program is a four-year graduate degree program designed for individuals to specialize in clinical practice and to meet professional standards requiring a clinical doctorate as the entry-level degree for a certified/licensed audiologist. This program leverages the strengths and opportunities offered by two institutions to provide training to meet needs of a diverse patient population with hearing and balance disorders.

Our goals are to continue to provide superior services while looking forward to modernize our curricula and enhance our research acumen. We believe that this will allow us to meet the changing needs of the field and the community at large through leadership in both technical and applied science. We accomplish this through goals and objectives delineated under three broad categories: *Student Success*, *Research and Creative Endeavors*, and *Community and Communication*. Regarding *Student Success*, we seek to enhance and expand our training programs to better serve our students and the community by increasing financial support for students and SLHS programs, enhancing our curriculum (e.g., interdisciplinary training opportunities) and expanding on- and off-campus clinical learning opportunities. Regarding *Research and Creative Endeavors*, we seek to increase our School's visibility as a top research institution in speech, language and hearing sciences. We aim to accomplish this by increasing extramural research funding, exploring enhancing/expanding our Ph.D. program and increasing attendance of students at national and international conference venues. Finally, for *Community and Communication*, we seek to increase our impact in the greater San Diego Community by enhancing the linguistic and cultural diversity of students to better serve the needs of diverse populations, encouraging student participation in community outreach and public education activities, and expanding clinical services provided to the community.

In 2022, the School voted to extend the strategic plan by an additional year to 2023 as many efforts to meet the strategic plan goals were delayed due to COVID-19.