

Callie Revilla, Spanish and Communication Sciences and Disorders, Class of 2021

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Callie Revilla is a 2021 graduate of Western Kentucky University originally from Gallatin, Tennessee. During her time at WKU, Revilla double majored in Spanish and Communication Science and Disorders, and she now works as a speech language pathologist at Talk to Me Speech Therapy in Madison, TN. In her job, she evaluates and treats children with a wide variety of feeding and communication delays and disorders, and she also has the opportunity to educate caregivers and families.

According to Revilla, she uses the language skills she gained through WKU Modern Languages daily because a large portion of the families that she serves are native Spanish speakers. She says, “I communicate with those parents solely in Spanish, and, depending on the child’s English proficiency, I provide bilingual therapy. My background in Spanish phonetics is vital for my ability to differentiate between a language or speech disorder and a language or dialect difference. I use my Spanish skills every single day at work in a variety of ways.”

When asked about her biggest advice for students, Revilla said, “Don’t only learn a language for the career benefits, which are many. Study a language to understand and fall in love with new cultures. It allows you to appreciate others in a different way and have a whole new world opened to you. I love using my Spanish because it connects me to other people in a very cool way. My world got a whole lot bigger.”

