

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

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Overview

The department provides a full-time residential comprehensive academic and clinical education program for graduate students that culminate in the requisite Master's degree for practice as a state licensed and ASHA certified speech-language pathologist. Masters students have numerous opportunities to meet competencies across the lifespan and in both rural and urban settings.

The Master of Science (MS) education program in speech language pathology residential at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

The graduate program is designed for completion in five semesters which includes one summer semester. Clinical performance and portfolio presentations are an integral aspect of determining academic and clinical competence and must be successfully completed for the degree.

An undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders is not a prerequisite for admission. However, students must successfully complete requisite pre-graduate course work. Students who cannot provide official transcripts documenting the completion of the prerequisites may not be enrolled in the graduate program.

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Additional Admission Requirements Instructions for Applying

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 1st.

Program begins the third week of August. The next application cycle opens on July 15th

Individuals who have a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders or have completed leveling coursework, are welcome to apply. Applicants will be notified in mid-March concerning their status. The program begins the third week of August.

The program prepares students to be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Department of Safety and Professional Service (DSPS). UWW cannot confirm this program meets the requirements for licensure in other states. Other states' requirements may be viewed at www.asha.org (<http://www.asha.org/>). Because requirements differ by state, applicants should review requirements for their state(s) of interest prior to applying to this residential program. More

information on Professional Licensure can be found on our **compliance website**.

The program wants students to be aware that multiple external sites (i.e., practicum sites, schools, clinics, etc.) require documentation (vaccines, TB skin test, criminal background check, etc) that the university does not require to enroll as a student. These are required placements. Therefore, you may be required to submit proof of vaccination, etc. If you do not, you may not be able to participate due to the sites' requirements. Without the required placements, you will not be able to complete the program. UWW cannot exempt a student from a requirement another organization may have. We cannot guarantee that a student without requested placement documentation will be able to complete the program because the program requires three external clinical placements. Our program cannot dictate the requirements for participation at external locations.

UWW is committed to inclusion and belonging as universal human rights in every aspect of our institution. Our commitment drives continued growth and development as an institution widely recognized for inclusive excellence and equity-minded, high-impact educational practices and experiences. We create equitable, accessible learning and working environments for all people by enriching the quality of daily life and preparing them to serve the university, the community, the State of Wisconsin, and the world. - **UW-Whitewater's Statement on Inclusivity**

Students will be serving a diverse community in our campus and external clinics. All clinical practicum are required to complete the program. You can find a list of our current campus clinic services and partnerships at our clinic webpage: **UWW COMDIS Clinic Services**

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for applying to the Graduate Program.

Applications are only accepted electronically through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) (<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>).

Preparation of materials for submission includes the following:

- Official academic transcripts that include FALL grades. Transcripts should be sent to the address:

CSDCAS Verification Department
P.O. Box 9113
Watertown, MA 02471
- Three letters of recommendation attesting to your ability to perform at a graduate level.
- A personal narrative: In no more than 750 words, describe the unique skills and qualities you have and the experiences you have had that will enable you to contribute to the diversity, creativity, success, and professionalism of the UWW graduate program.
- A list of ALL pending relevant coursework (i.e., Any COMDIS courses to be completed in upcoming spring or summer terms).
- CSDCAS application (activities section) may require information on relevant professional and volunteer activities, experience with foreign languages, and undergraduate research.

* For students that qualify, application fee assistance may be available. See the following link for details: CSDCAS Fee Assistance Program (<https://help.liaisonedu.com/>)

CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Starting_Your_CSDCAS_Application/Getting_Started_with_Your_CSDCAS_Application/03_Application_Fees/).

Questions concerning the electronic application process, including receipt of materials, and verification status should be directed to CSDCAS.

CSDCAS
P.O. Box 9113
Watertown, MA 02471
617-612-2030
Fax: 617-612-2051
csdcasinfo@csdcas.org

Criteria for application to be reviewed:

1. Applications are only accepted electronically through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS).
2. The application deadline is February 1st. Applications must be **verified** by 11:59 PM ET on the deadline date. Applications can only be verified once all payments, transcripts, and letters of evaluation have been received by CSDCAS. After your application is considered complete, it **can take up to 10 business days for your application to be verified**. To ensure your application is verified on time, try to complete your application at least four weeks before the deadline.
3. All applications that are verified by the deadline are reviewed.

Major in Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS) (<http://www-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/education/communication-sciences-and-disorders/communication-sciences-and-disorders/>)