COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, ONLINE - MASTER OF SCIENCE

(Code 622-807)

The program leading to the degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders is designed to prepare the student to function independently as a speech-language pathologist within the profession of communication disorders. To accomplish that objective, it is necessary that the student develop knowledge and/or competencies in several areas:

1. normal speech, hearing, and language development and behavior;
2. nature, evaluation, and management in various work settings of the disorders of speech, hearing, and language in children and adults; and
3. investigative procedures in communication disorders.

Completion of a master’s degree is required prior to earning certification in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and prior to earning a license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for employment in public schools. Almost all employment in speech-language pathology requires the master’s degree. The master’s degree program in speech-language pathology at this University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. There is no program in audiology at UW-Eau Claire.

Practicum experience is planned to serve the needs and interests of graduate students in communication sciences and disorders. They may obtain a diversity of clinical experience through the Center for Communication Disorders on campus and its many affiliated practicum sites. Under the supervision of qualified University personnel and qualified on-site employees at affiliated practicum sites elsewhere, students have opportunities to encounter clients ranging in age across the lifespan who exhibit all types of communication disorders. The affiliated practicum sites are varied, including hospitals, clinics, community agencies, and schools.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following minimal criteria:

1. a baccalaureate degree, from a regionally accredited university;
2. a minimum of 30 earned semester credits in specific communication sciences and disorders coursework prior to matriculation into the graduate program;
3. a total GPA of 2.75 for each post-secondary degree earned, and a minimum GPA of 3.25 in communication sciences and disorders coursework;
4. a grade of B or above in any graded practicum experience; and
5. submission of all required application materials prior to the application deadline.

These application materials include: application to the CSD department, university application with official undergraduate transcripts, three letters of recommendation and GRE scores.

The fact that a student has met the minimal criteria listed above does not guarantee admission to the program. The enrollment in the graduate program is limited to a maximum number of students determined annually by the program faculty. In recent years, the number of students admitted annually has been 18 to 25. Applications for admission are reviewed only once per year for each program.

UW-Eau Claire has 2 master’s programs in CSD in two modalities: residential and online. Both require successful completion of at least 54 CSD graduate credits.

Part-time online MS program

Application materials for our part-time program are due November 1st every year and students begin the program in the summer. This program requires that each student complete the following academic courses online in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the graduate level unless equivalent courses have been taken previously:

**Required Courses**

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**Clinical Practicum**

Select six credits of Clinical Practicum: 6

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**Externships**

Two externships (twelve credits combined), which may be located in schools and/or rehabilitation settings:

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**Total Credits** 54

Altogether there are 18 required clinical practicum credits in the graduate program, including externships and practicum enrollments. Practica and externships take place in the student’s geographical locale. Typical program duration encompasses three summer, three fall, two winterim, and three spring
terms. Students are admitted to this part-time program as a cohort and are expected to complete it with their cohort. All students are required to come to campus one week each summer and must successfully complete an oral comprehensive examination prior to graduation.