

## Credentialing and Licensure Information

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A variety of possibilities and opportunities exist related to professional credentialing and licensure for speech-language pathologists.

### ***Master's Degree in CSD***

The culminating degree following successful completion of all coursework and clinical requirements is the Master of Science degree in communication sciences and disorders. This degree is a required element for specific licensures and certifications in the profession.

### ***ASHA Certification***

The MS degree prepares graduates for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Clinical Fellowship year (ASHA-CFY). Following successful completion of the CFY and the ASHA-designated application, the Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology (CCC-SLP) can be obtained.

### ***Wisconsin Department of Safety and Public Service License (DSPS)***

The ASHA CCC-SLP is required to hold a permanent state license. However, the temporary WI state license for speech-language pathology is held while completing the clinical fellowship year, working towards CCC-SLP and the DSPS license. Individuals completing the UWEC online graduate program in CSD will have met the requirements for and be eligible for the Wisconsin state license.

### ***Speech-Language License in States Other than Wisconsin***

It is the responsibility of all prospective and current CSD graduate students to investigate and fully understand the requirements and expectations for holding the state speech-language license in all states other than Wisconsin. If specific coursework is required, or if specific categories for and numbers of clinical clock hours are required, this must be understood prior to the start of the online graduate program. In addition, these specific requirements must be documented and provided to the Online Graduate Coordinator and Director of Clinical Education. While no guarantees can be made, these program coordinators will work closely with each graduate student to make every attempt to satisfy the specific requirements for states other than Wisconsin.

### ***Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction State Educator License (DPI)***

Two onsite visits from a UWEC liaison supervisor during the student teaching experience are required to be eligible for Wisconsin DPI educator license. This liaison supervision will not be a standard component of the online graduate program in CSD. In order to be eligible for Wisconsin DPI licensure, online students will incur additional costs for the liaison supervision during the student teaching experience. This cost could be \$1000 or greater and varies from state-to-state. For more information related to this issue, contact the Director of Clinical Education.

***Teacher Education Licensing in States Other than Wisconsin***

It is the responsibility of all prospective and current CSD graduate students to investigate and fully understand the requirements and expectations for holding the state educator license in all states other than Wisconsin. If specific categories for and numbers of clinical clock hours are required, specific courses are required, etc., this must be understood prior to the start of the online graduate program. In addition, these specific requirements must be documented and provided to the Online Graduate Coordinator and Director of Clinical Education. While no guarantees can be made, these program coordinators will work closely with each graduate student to make every attempt to satisfy the specific requirements for states other than Wisconsin for educator licensing.