

University of Wisconsin
Eau Claire

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Part-Time/Online Graduate Program

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"Being an online graduate student at UW-Eau Claire has been an amazing experience that I will cherish forever. I have made life-long friends who have helped me achieve something I have dreamed of for a long time. UW-Eau Claire has helped me achieve my dream of becoming a speech-language pathologist." —Amy Edgemon (MS, 2019)

- **UW System Teaching Excellence Award** for our CSD Graduate Faculty (2019)
- Fully online post-bacc course sequence being taught for approximately 15 years—our **online teaching pedagogy is second-to-none**
- Our academic curriculum for online grad is matched to our residential grad program and **fully-accredited by CAA** (ASHA's accrediting body)
- In 2022 we graduated our 6th online grad cohort (so we've been doing this awhile now)
- Our **residency week** each summer with our online grads is filled with activity that is value-added
- Our online grads experience fantastic clinical sites across the nation to earn their 400+ clock hours
- Alumni from our online grad program are lead SLPs in amazing work settings (schools, hospitals, and more)

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Pre-Reqs

- Bachelor's degree
- 30-credit CSD undergraduate "core" of courses if the Bachelor's degree is not in CSD or speech/language (you can apply to the grad program as long as you are close to be doing with the leveling coursework)
- Minimum GPA of 3.25 in CSD coursework
- A "C" or higher on any CSD academic courses
- A "B" or higher on any clinical practicum experiences



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How to Apply: CSDCAS Application



- Application on CSDCAS (look for it to open mid-to-late July)
- Three letters of recommendation (one must be from university faculty - to comment on how you will match up to the rigor of a CSD graduate program.
- Write and submit your personal essay (letter of intent) addressing the prompts in CSDCAS
- Submit all transcripts from all undergrad/post-bacc courses (submit these by December 1—do NOT wait until fall grades are posted)
- **Submit EVERYTHING by November 1** (letters of rec can come in during early December, but all file review will be done by January 1, so letters received after mid-December may not be reviewed)

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How to Apply: UW Application

- Application online: <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage>
- Follow all instructions
- Pay fee
- Complete this process **by November 1**



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What to Expect After Applying

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1. Online interviews will be conducted with the top half of the applicant list in January. You will be contacted to set up your interview time by the middle of December.
2. Initial offers will be made to the first group of applicants the first week of February.
3. Movement from the waiting list tends to happen throughout February/March and even into April.
4. Final cohort completion should be done by the middle of April—at this point it will be quite unlikely you'd hear about being admitted. From time-to-time someone backs out later in April, but this is uncommon for our online grad program.

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What is the Residency Requirement?



1. Three, one-week trips to UWEC are required (one time each summer). The first week of June (for year 1); first week of August (year 2); and the end of July/first days of August (year 3).
2. These residency weeks are filled with team-building, time with hands-on equipment activity, and face-to-face competencies with faculty. **This is not a period of time where you are doing clinical clock hours.**
3. You incur all travel costs associated with residency weeks. Low-cost university housing is available.

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What are the Costs of the Program

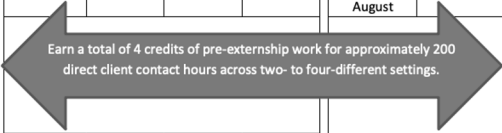


- Flat-rate tuition \$707 per credit
- Travel costs for residency weeks (variable).
- Textbooks.
- \$100 one-time fee for your CALIPSO account (to track clock hours and other details).
- Personal technology needs (computer, internet, peripherals, etc.).
- Annual criminal background check (approximately \$30 per year on average).
- Immunizations or immunization titer level checks (variable costs).

NOTE: You should be eligible for student loans and other financial aid since you will be enrolled in a minimum of six graduate credits per semester (i.e., half-time status). You can apply for scholarships and UWEC graduate assistantships as well.

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Program Overview

	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3		
	Summer	Fall	Winterim	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winterim	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
ACADEMIC COURSES	CSD 710-3	CSD 648-3 CSD 731-3	None	CSD 706-3 CSD 748-3	CSD 737-3 CSD 725-2	CSD 726-3 CSD 752-3	CSD 721-1	CSD 754-3 CSD729-3	CSD 715-2 CSD 774-1	CSD 749-4	CLINIC ONLY
RESIDENCY	First full week in June				Late July				Late July/Earl August		Optional: Attend Graduation!
CLINICAL COURSE ROTATIONS	None	None	None	None							CSD 780-5 CSD 781-5
MISC	Orientation processes	Start securing sites for Year 2 clinical work	Submit practicum sites for first rotations	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites. CBC renewal	Pre-Praxis objective exam (phono and aural rehab). Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites. Flu shot and other compliance updates		Continue to visit and secure clinical sites. CBC renewal	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.	Comps Project Due Flu shot and other compliance updates	Full-time, 9 weeks each (or one for 16-18 weeks) Typically: 1-Medical 1-School CBC renewal
<i>Prior to Program Admission: Year 1 Initial Criminal Background Check (CBC)</i>	Register CALIPSO	Finalize all initial clinical compliance procedures									

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- If you need **post-bacc advising**:
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- If you have specific questions about our **online grad program**:
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