



**University of Wisconsin  
Eau Claire**

# Communication Sciences and Disorders

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**Part-Time/Online Graduate Program**

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POINTS OF  
PRIDE

"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 over 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 2023 we graduated our 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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 being done with the leveling coursework)
- Minimum GPA: 3.25 CSD
- 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

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- Application on CSDCAS (look for it to open July/August)
- Three letters of recommendation (try to make sure a least one of these is from university faculty—these people need to be able to comment on how you will match up to the rigor of a CSD graduate program and someone who is not a CSD faculty member cannot necessarily make that argument)
- 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 November 1—do NOT wait until fall grades are posted)
- **Submit EVERYTHING by November 1** (letters of rec can come in during early November, but all file review will be done by December 10, so letters received after November 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) and the first week of August (year 2 and year 3). No one should book travel for residency week until you receive official confirmation of the dates from the grad program coordinator (spring of each year).
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 (currently at \$715 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	
<b>ACADEMIC COURSES</b>	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 CSD 729-3	CSD 715-2 CSD 774-1	CSD 749-4	<b>CLINIC ONLY</b>	
<b>RESIDENCY</b>	First full week in June				Late July				Late July/Earl August		Optional: Attend Graduation!	
<b>CLINICAL COURSE ROTATIONS</b>	None	None	None	None	Earn a total of 4 credits of pre-externship work for approximately 200 direct client contact hours across two- to four-different settings.						CSD 780-5 CSD 781-5	
<b>MISC</b>	Orientation processes  Document Clinical Prereqs  Register CALPSO  Document 25 observe hrs (take CSD 370 online, if deficient)	Start securing sites for Year 2 clinical work  Finalize all initial clinical compliance procedures	Submit practicum sites for first rotations  CBC renewal	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

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## The Clinical Practicum Requirements



- You will be required to earn 400+ direct client contact hours during a combination of years 2 and 3 of the program.
- You cannot start earning clock hours prior to May 1 of the first year of the program.
- You must complete at least one final placement (externship) the third spring of the program (usually on a full-time schedule).
- You must earn at least 100 clock hours in adult/medical services and a minimum of 100 hours working with children (usually in a public school).
- Direct client contact hours are different than "on site" hours. You will usually spend 2-3 times more hours on site than you will earn for direct client contact.
- You must take the lead role in finding placements in your preferred/potential geographic areas. (All clinical placements must be a minimum of 60 miles away from the UWEC campus.)

NOTE: Every online grad student's clinical program will look slightly different and can be customized. The most important component is finding qualified SLPs to host/supervise your placements.

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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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