A GROWING DEMAND FOR SPECIALISTS

The Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) Department at Western Washington University offers a Post-Baccalaureate Program designed to prepare students who do not have a baccalaureate degree in CSD for graduate-level study in the fields of speech-language pathology or audiology. In this concentrated study, students gain a broad understanding of the scientific and social aspects of normal and disordered speech, language and hearing processes. The post-baccalaureate program serves as a stepping-stone for those whose long-term goals include a graduate degree and professional certification in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. Applicants must have a transferable bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in a major other than Communication Sciences and Disorders.

QUALITY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

This lock-step program begins fall quarter and continues sequentially through summer. Generally, midway through the first year, students apply to a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology.

The Extended Education department (EE) administers the program. It is important to note that acceptance into this post-baccalaureate program does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program. These are two separate programs; it will be necessary to apply to the graduate program the following year.

Post-baccalaureate coursework explores the anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing mechanisms, disorders, testing, clinical processes, and rehabilitation. Classes meet weekdays on Western’s Bellingham campus. Credits awarded are registered on official University transcripts.

*You can refer to Page 4 to view the courses for all four quarters of the lockstep program of the post-baccalaureate program.

Coming Soon!
Western is currently in development of a four year graduate program in Audiology Clinical Doctorate to come on board Fall 2017 (first cohort).

APPLICATION PROCESS

You will apply to both Western Washington University (WWU) and to the CSD Post-Baccalaureate Program.

- The WWU (admission) application and transcript submission deadline is March 1st.
- The CSD Post-Baccalaureate Program priority application deadline is February 1st.

*Applications are accepted on a space-available basis after the priority deadline.
ADMISSION TO WWU

- To submit the online Extension Program Application and the non-refundable processing fee, please refer to this link http://admissions.wwu.edu/transfer/x_apply.html.
- To submit a paper Extension Program Application, including the non-refundable processing fee payable to Western Washington University, Office of Admissions, please refer to this link: http://admissions.wwu.edu/print/EESPExtensionUGApp.pdf and mail to the address listed below.
- If you are not a resident of the United States, please complete the Supplement for International Extension Applicants form (this includes Canadian residents). http://admissions.wwu.edu/print/InternationalSupplement.pdf
- Submit one copy of sealed official transcripts from each college or university attended.
- Send your transcripts to:
  Office of Admission
  516 High Street MS 9009
  Bellingham, WA 98225

ADMISSION TO THE CSD POST-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

- Submit a one-page statement of purpose
- Submit a one-page resume that includes relevant background experience.
  *(font size no smaller than 11 and one-inch side margins for all materials).
- Submit three letters of recommendation addressed to Karen-Margrethe Bruun, Post-Baccalaureate Program Director and mail to Extended Education, address below (please include two faculty members if possible)
- Mail the statement of purpose, resume, and letters of recommendation to:
  Western Washington University
  Extended Education
  Attn: Jenny Hebert
  516 High Street, MS 9102
  Bellingham, WA 98225-9102

SELECTIVE SERVICE

State-mandated enrollment limits does not affect the Communication Sciences and Disorders Post-Baccalaureate Program. However, due to the specialized nature of this program, enrollment is limited.

Please note: Admission is limited to program courses and does not constitute admission to Western Washington University’s regular (non-extension) programs or courses.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications must have a transferable bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in a major other than Communication Sciences and Disorders and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
HOW TO CONTACT US

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Current Western Washington University policies and procedures apply to all students registering for any class and are contained within the University’s General Bulletin available online at www.wwu.edu.
To request disability accommodation or assistance in the application process, please contact Jenny Hebert at (360) 650-7780.
PROGRAM COURSES (Lockstep Program)

Fall – total credits 12

CSD 251 Introduction to Communication Disorders 3
CSD 352 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms 5
CSD 354 Speech/Language Development in Children 4

Winter – total credits 12

CSD 356 Phonetics 4
CSD 371 Hearing Science 3
CSD 372 Hearing Disorders 4
LIBR 403 Research Tutorial 1

Spring – total credits 14

CSD 353 Speech Science 5
CSD 361 Language Disorders 5
CSD 450 Neuroanatomy 4

Summer – total credits 12

CSD 462 Audiometric Testing 4
CSD 463 Aural Rehabilitation 4
CSD 460 Assessment and Intervention in CSD 4