FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the eligibility requirements for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders’ Post-Baccalaureate Program?
   a. The program is intended for students who already have a bachelor (or a master degree) in an area other than communication disorders.
   b. Under special circumstances, an individual who has a B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders that is post five years+ could apply for the Post-Baccalaureate Program.

2. Do you accept international students?
   a. Yes, if qualified and if you have further question regarding application and admission process please contact Jenny Hebert, jenny.hebert@wwu.edu, 360-650-7780.

3. What if I have been out of school for so many years I can no longer request or obtain a letter of reference from my former professors?
   a. It is highly recommended that you have a letter of reference speaking to your academic skills; however, if you are unable to obtain such a reference letter then your GPA will speak to your academics and a reference letter from a professional for whom you have worked or volunteered (particularly in related fields) would be accepted.

4. What if my undergraduate GPA is lower 3.0?
   a. Address any extenuating circumstances relating to your undergraduate GPA in your statement of purpose. Be aware that as you complete a Post-Baccalaureate Program application to Graduate Program is very competitive and Graduate Programs are looking for GPA’s of 3.5 and over.
   b. You may be accepted in the Post-Baccalaureate program on a conditional basis, which states that you must demonstrate strong academic performance to continue in the program.

5. What is the cost of the program?
   a. Go to the Student Business Office, Tuition and Fee Schedule https://wp.wwu.edu/sbo/tuition-and-fee-schedule/ and scroll down to the Extension/Self Supporting Programs to obtain Tuition and Fees Information. You will also pay WWU required fees (not included in the tuition chart).

6. Can I receive financial aid for this program?
   a. Yes, you can apply for FAFSA; however, do be aware that this program runs 4 quarters and FAFSA distribution is geared to a 3 quarter academic year.
   b. We encourage you to contact WWU Financial Aid http://www.finaid.wwu.edu/

7. Do you have specific departmental scholarships or Teaching Assistantships?
   a. Not at this time. We encourage you to contact the WWU Scholarship Center http://www.finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships/ for information.
8. Do you offer online courses?
   a. Not at this time. Our program is a standard face-to-face on campus program.

9. How many applicants do you accept into the CSD Post-Baccalaureate Program?
   a. We accept approximately 18.

10. How soon will I know if I have been accepted?
    a. Application priority deadline is February 1st.
    b. Early acceptance program notifications will begin on February 15th.
    c. WWU Admission Deadline is March 1st.
    d. Acceptance to program notifications will begin approximately March 1st and rolling acceptance will continue thereafter.

11. If I am accepted in the Post-Baccalaureate Program will I be accepted into a WWU CSD Graduate Program?
    a. There is no guarantee that you will be accepted into the graduate Speech-Language Pathology Program or the anticipated AuD. Clinical Doctorate Program.
    b. You will make application to our graduate program and the review committee will review your application along with the current applicant pool.
    c. We encourage our students to apply to a number of graduate programs.

12. When should I take the ASHA Statistics and Sciences course requirements?
    a. We recommend that you complete this required course work prior to the start of your graduate studies.
    b. However, these courses could be taken during your graduate studies or after completion of your M.A. They are a requirement for ASHA Certification and must be completed prior to starting your Clinical Fellowship.