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 Communication Sciences and Disorders. 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 Communication Sciences and Disorders. If accepted to Western’s graduate program, students take two quarters of 400-level courses in conjunction with their first-year graduate courses.

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.
### Program Courses

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### 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 15th**. *Applications are accepted on a space-available basis after the priority deadline.*
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) application deadline is **February 15th**.

### 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](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](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).
• 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 Enrollment

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.

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, (360) 650-7780.

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