

## Academic Requirements

Our part-time online graduate program in Communication Sciences & Disorders at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire offers the Master of Science degree. The program permits students to meet various licensure/certification requirements as well as their own career goals. Our graduate program is designed to produce generalists in our field.

This graduate curriculum requires students to earn a minimum of 54 CSD semester graduate credits, including 40 required academic credits and 14 required clinical credits over a three-year period which begins in the summer. Applicants are admitted as a cohort and the intention is for that cohort to move through the program together. Any variation from the outlined sequence must be approved by the department and cannot be guaranteed.

### Sequence of academic courses

	Summer	Fall	Winterim	Spring
Year One	710 (3)	648 (3) 731 (3)	None	748 (3) 706 (3)
Year Two	737 (3) 725 (2)	726 (3) 752 (3)	721 (1)	729 (3) 754 (3)
Year Three	715 (2) 774 (1)	749 (4)	None	<b>Only final, full-time clinical work this term.</b>

### **Academic Required Courses—40 credits total**

CSD 648	Aphasia and Related Disorders	3 credits
CSD 706	Language Assessment	3 credits
CSD 710	Clinical Methods in CSD	3 credits
CSD 715	Research Procedures in CSD	2 credits
CSD 721	Childhood Apraxia of Speech	1 credit
CSD 725	Counseling in Communication Disorders	2 credits
CSD 726	Organic Voice & Speech Disorders	3 credits
CSD 729	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3 credits
CSD 731	Child/Adolescent Language Intervention	3 credits
CSD 737	Dysphagia	3 credits
CSD 748	Motor Speech Disorders	3 credits
CSD 749	B-21 Methods	4 credits
CSD 752	Fluency Disorders	3 credits
CSD 754	Acquired Cognitive Communication Disorders	3 credits
CSD 774	Pediatric Dysphagia	1 credit

Students who earn graduate credits prior to admission to our program may apply a maximum of 9 credits toward requirements for the degree. The Online Graduate Coordinator must approve all courses applied toward the degree. During the second summer term, all grads must take and pass a “pre-praxis” multiple-choice examination in the areas of phonology and aural rehab (due to the fact that these are disorder courses that are not covered at the graduate level). Students must successfully complete the written comprehensive process during the final fall of the grad program.

This online graduate program encompasses three years, which includes three summer semesters, three fall semesters, one winterim term, and three spring sessions. Additional requirements for licensure or certification may be needed; plans for meeting these will be discussed with the Online Graduate Coordinator and Director of Clinical Education.

In addition to the academic requirements for the degree, 14 clinical credits, for a total of 375 direct client-contact hours are required. Between the second summer and final fall of the graduate program, four of these 14 credits are taken as “pre-externship” experiences. During the final spring semester, two, 5-credit, full-time externships are completed (one in the public schools and one in a non-school setting).

### **Clinical Courses\*--All grads must take a total of 14 credits of clinic during the 2<sup>nd</sup> two years of the program.**

CSD 769—1 credit of clinic (50 clock hrs)    CSD 770—2 credits of clinic (100 clock hrs)    CSD 771—3 credits of clinic (150 clock hours)  
 CSD 780—5 credits, public school externship    CSD 781—5 credits, non-school (medical) externship

\*A combined 4 credits of 769, 770, and/or 771 must be taken BEFORE the final spring. CSD 780 and 781 are taken in the final spring term.