



M.S. in
**COMMUNICATION
SCIENCES AND
DISORDERS**

HELPING OTHERS CONNECT

Our program focuses on a well-rounded curriculum with engaged faculty so that you can embrace challenges with an open mind and become a dynamic problem-solver. You'll be prepared to pursue a career as a speech-language pathologist in a number of professional settings.

2
Years to
degree
completion

\$70,000
total tuition costs
**tuition and fees
subject to change*

60
Semester
hours

22
Courses



**Elmhurst
University**

School of
Graduate Studies

YOUR FUTURE IS WELL WITHIN YOUR REACH

Imagine a career that combines your unique talents and interests—as you enable others to reach past their communication barriers. Our mission is to prepare speech-language pathologists to achieve the highest standards of academic learning, clinical service, scientific inquiry and creative work. With Elmhurst's M.S. in CSD, you will be on your way to becoming a leader and expert in speech, language and swallowing disorders.

ACE YOUR CERTIFICATIONS

Our program prepares you for national certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). You'll also be prepared for employment in the Illinois public school system and for licensure by the Illinois State Board of Education.

A NETWORK FOR THE REST OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE

You'll gain more than credentials at Elmhurst. You'll also gain a large network of teachers and fellow graduates who will support you throughout your career and connect you with employers all over Chicagoland. You'll hit the ground running—tested, proven and ready.

WHERE YOUR ELMHURST DEGREE CAN TAKE YOU

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Research institutions
- Nursing and residential care facilities
- Private practice

THE RIGHT PEOPLE ON YOUR SIDE

Elmhurst faculty aren't just experts in their fields—they're dedicated to expanding your reach, with connections, practica and hands-on clinical experiences.



\$89,290

Median annual wage for speech-language pathologists in 2023.
(\$129,930—the salary of the highest 10% of SLPs)
(Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov)

19%

projected growth of speech-language pathologists, from 2022-2032. Now that's a healthy outlook.
(Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov)



Our ultimate goal as speech-language pathologists is to make meaningful differences in the lives of our clients by improving their speech, language and/or swallowing.

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PROGRAM FORMAT

- Cohort Approach
- Full time program
- Summer start
- On-campus clinic placements
- Off-campus externships



PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications must be submitted through the CSDCAS website below to be considered for fall admission. The CSDCAS application will open July 15, 2024 for Fall 2025 consideration.

Scan for more info:



Course Sequence

You'll complete 22 courses for a total of 60 semester hours.

YEAR ONE

Summer Term

CSD 505 Introduction to Professional Clinical Procedures
CSD 519 Neurology

Fall Term

CSD 500 Clinical Practicum I
CSD 507 Research Methods CSD
CSD 509 Language/Literacy Young Children Assessment and Treatment
CSD 510 Advanced Study in Phonology & Articulation
CSD 515 Language Disorders in Adults

January Term

CSD 518 Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Services in CSD

Spring Term

CSD 501 Clinical Practicum II
CSD 516 Language and Academic Literacies in K-12 Classrooms
CSD 521 Dysphagia & Feeding Disorders
CSD 526 Voice Disorders
CSD 530 Thesis and Research OR CSD 590 Research Option II

YEAR TWO

Summer Term

CSD 502 Clinical Practicum III
CSD 525 Public School Methods in a Diverse Society

Fall Term

CSD 503 Practicum in Educational Settings , part-time OR
CSD 504 Practicum in Medical Settings , part-time
CSD 522 Augmentative/Alternative Communication
CSD 527 Fluency Disorders
CSD 528 Motor Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan
CSD 530 Thesis Research or CSD 590 Research Option II

Spring Term

CSD 523 Practicum in Educational Settings , full-term OR
CSD 524 Practicum in Medical Settings , full-term OR
CSD 513 Practicum in Educational Settings , half-term AND CSD 514 CSD Practicum in Medical Settings , half-term

Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or foreign equivalent
- All appropriate prerequisite CSD courses:
 - Phonetics
 - Speech Sound Disorders (Articulation and Phonology)
 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
 - One course each in biological sciences, physical sciences (chemistry or physics), mathematics (statistics) and the social/behavioral sciences
 - Child Language Development
 - A course in Methods of Teaching Learners with Exceptionalities is required for an Illinois Professional Educator's License
 - Speech Science
 - Aural Rehabilitation is required for ASHA certification
 - Introduction to Audiology
 - Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders
 - Clinical Methods

Prerequisite courses may be completed as part of the student's undergraduate coursework, transferred from another college or university, or taken at Elmhurst University prior to applying to the MSCSD program.