



MS SLP Information Session



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Welcome!



State Capital



Population: 285,300

Madison is..

- Happiest cities in the US, *WalletHub* (2025)
- Best places to live in US, *US News & World Reports* (2024)
- Top 100 places to live in the US, *Livability* (2024)
- Best cities for 20-somethings, *Greatist* (2024)



Student Services

- Academic and career advising
- Campus safety resources
- Counseling services
- Disability resource center
- Job Center
- Learning support
- New student services
- Office of financial aid
- Transportation services
- University health services
- University housing services
- Writing center



Academic Program

Three-year averages

- Applications: 274
- Admitted GPA: 3.88
- Cohort size: 27
- Praxis Pass Rate: 100%

Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders Climate and Belonging Initiatives

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We
welcome
EVERYONE

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Course work

- **M.S. in CS&D with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology:**
 - A **minimum of 50 credits** are required.
 - Thesis or non-thesis options available.
 - Thesis option is recommended if interested in **research** or planning to pursue a **Ph.D.**

Clinical Program

- **1st year (fall, spring, summer):** CS&D 790 - Clinical Practicum
 - **Prerequisite:** requires **25 documented clinical observation hours** before being placed at the UWSHC or other clinical site
 - Accrue 50 supervised clinical hours of experience per semester
- **2nd year (fall, spring):**
 - **Prerequisite:** **a minimum of 100 hours** of supervised clinical hours in 1st year
 - An education/school placement (Curric 720)
 - A medical setting practicum (CS&D 790-07)

UW Speech and Hearing Clinic

- 7 on-site clinic supervisors with diverse clinical experiences
- Available experiences: Individual therapy, group therapy, specialized evaluations, collaborative work



Possible Medical Practicum Sites

- Hospitals
 - UW Voice and Swallow Clinics
 - American Family Children's Hospital
 - UW Rehab Hospital
 - Encompass Rehab
 - Unity Point Meriter Hospital
 - William S. Middleton VA Hospital
 - Divine Savior/Aspirus
 - Beloit Health Systems
- Pediatric Clinics
 - Aspire Therapy
 - Communication Innovations
 - Children's Therapy Network
 - WEAP
 - Gigi's Playhouse
 - Early Intervention
 - United Cerebral Palsy- Dane and Rock
- Outpatient Clinics
 - Waisman Center
 - SSM Dean Clinics
 - UW Health Clinics
- Residential/Specialty
 - Clearview Brain Injury Center
 - Mendota Mental Health Center
 - Central WI Center
- Private Practice
 - Madison Speech Therapy
 - Launch Speech and Reading, LLC
- Home Health
 - UW Health Home Care Direct
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
 - Oak Park Place- Madison
 - Continuum Therapy Partners
 - Fox Rehab

Waisman Center

- Comprehensive services and supports to people with disabilities and their families
 - **Multidisciplinary evaluation, treatment, and research center**
- Clinical Services including evaluation and treatment
- Team functioning
- Opportunities to participate in research



UW Health Waisman Center Specialty Clinics

- Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic*
- Biochemical Genetics Clinic
- Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic
- Cerebral Palsy Clinic*
- Communication Aids & Systems (CASC)*
- Down Syndrome Clinic*
- Medical Genetics Clinic
- Neuromotor Development*
- Newborn Follow-Up*
- Pediatric Brain Care
- Undiagnosed Genetic Disease Clinic
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Clinic*

Waisman Center Research Labs (CS&D faculty)

- Brain, Language, and Acoustic Behavior Lab – Dr. Caroline Niziolek
- Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Lab – Dr. Margarita Kaushanskaya
- Language, Literacy and Learning Lab- Dr. Rebecca Alper
- Neuroscience of Language and Neurological Disorders Lab- Dr. Haley Dresang
- Research in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Language Lab – Dr. Audra Sterling
- Speech Motor Action + Control – Dr. Ben Parrell
- Wisconsin Intelligibility, Speech, and Communication Laboratory – Dr. Katie Hustad

Possible School Practicum Sites

- Environments
 - Early Childhood
 - Elementary
 - Middle School
 - High School
 - 18-21 Transition
 - English-Spanish Bilingual Placements
- Example School Districts
 - DeForest
 - Lodi
 - Madison-Metropolitan
 - McFarland
 - Middleton-Cross Plains
 - Stoughton
 - Sun Prairie
 - Verona

Specialized Clinical Experiences

Specialized Clinical Experiences are practicum assignments that may be assigned in the 2nd year alongside medical and school placements. These placements focus on specific disorder areas and populations, as well as offering opportunities for leadership.

- Dewane Neurorehabilitative Pro Bono Clinic Student Coordinator and Mentor
- UWSHC Central Auditory Processing Disorder Diagnostic Clinic (CAPD)
- UWSHC Concussion

Services

- GiGi's Playhouse



Wisconsin Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program

- Goal of the Wisconsin LEND Program:

- provide interdisciplinary and disciplinary leadership training to improve systems of care that promote the prevention of disabilities and assure access to family-centered, community-based services for children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.

- Curriculum focus:

- Leadership Development
- Core Knowledge of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
- Interdisciplinary and Family-Centered Practice
- Research, Evaluation and Dissemination

LEND trainees take part in:

- an academic year program (minimum of 300 hours)
- Seminars, discussions, and panels
- Life course story
- Leadership development workshops
- Short weekly prep-modules
- Research project
- Family mentor experience
- Family transition experience
- Mentorship program
- Clinical practicum

Stipends are awarded to Trainees who are eligible (based on federal regulations and University policy) to receive a federally funded traineeship to support participation in the training program.

Year 1 | Fall Semester (15 credits)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 503	Neural Mechanisms of Speech, Hearing, and Language	3
CS&D 703	Language and Learning Disorders of Children: Birth to 5	3
CS&D 712	Assessment & Treatment of Speech Sound Disorders in Children	3
CS&D 701	Augmentative and Alternative Communication for Individuals with Complex Communication Needs	3
CS&D 700	Clinical Foundations for Speech-Language Pathology Practice	1
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders, UWSHC	2

Year 1 | Spring Semester (15 credits)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 706	Management and Assessment of Voice Disorders	3
CS&D 707	Swallowing Disorders	3
CS&D 704	Acquired Language & Cognitive-Communication Disorders in Adults	3
CS&D 709	Language Development and Disorders in School Age Populations: School Methods & Procedures	3
CS&D 700	Clinical Foundations for Speech-Language Pathology Practice	1
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders, UWSHC	2

Year 1 | Summer Semester (5 credits)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders, UWSHC	2
CS&D 708	Clinical Management of Fluency Disorders across the Lifespan	1
CS&D 720	Hearing and Auditory Rehabilitation for Speech-Language Pathology Practice	2

Elective

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 424	Sign Language I (offered fall, summer)	3

Year 2 | Fall Semester (10 credits)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 705	Assessment and Treatment of Motor Speech Disorders across the Lifespan	2
CS&D 710	Acquired Language and Cognitive-Communication Disorders in Adults II	3
CS&D 700	Clinical Foundations for Speech-Language Pathology Practice	1
CS&D 791	School Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders	4
OR		
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Medical Site	4
CS&D 790	Specialized Practicum at UWSHC	Varies

Year 2 | Spring Semester (8 credits)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
CS&D 752	Capstone in Communication Sciences & Disorders: Integration of Clinical and Research Methods	3
CS&D 700	Clinical Foundations for Speech-Language Pathology Practice	1
CS&D 791	School Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders	4
OR		
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Medical Site	4
CS&D 790	Specialized Practicum at UWSHC	Varies

Clinical Foundations Course Series

- Across the curriculum
 - Supervisory Relationship & Practica Frameworks
 - Preparing for Medical & Educational Sites
 - Special Topics
 - Moving your Career Forward

Research Opportunities

- Thesis
- Lab Assistantships



CS&D Research Labs

- Speech
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 - Speech Motor Action + Control – Dr. Ben Parrell
 - Wisconsin Intelligibility, Speech, and Communication Laboratory – Dr. Katie Hustad
- Language
 - Cognitive-Communication in Aging and Neurogenic Disorders Laboratory – Dr. Kimberly Mueller
 - Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Lab – Dr. Margarita Kaushanskaya
 - Language, Literacy and Learning Lab- Dr. Rebecca Alper
 - Neuroscience of Language and Neurological Disorders Lab- Dr. Haley Dresang
 - Research in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Language Lab – Dr. Audra Sterling
- Voice & Swallow
 - Ciucci Lab – Dr. Michelle Ciucci
 - Connor Lab – Dr. Nadine Connor
 - Swallowing and Salivary Bioscience Lab – Dr. Nicole Rogus-Pulia
 - Thibeault Research Group – Dr. Susan Thibeault

What makes UW stand out?



The Wisconsin Idea



Education should influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Tuition

- Bursar's Office

<https://bursar.wisc.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-rates>

- Estimated costs

<https://finaid.wisc.edu/graduate-cost.htm>



Financial Aid

- The Office of Student Financial Services
<http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/>
- SLP Financial Assistance & Scholarships
<https://csd.wisc.edu/scholarships-awards/>



Student Connection and Camaraderie & MS Leadership Committee



- National NSSHLA
- Social events
- 2nd year mentors for 1st year students



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