

University of Wisconsin
Eau Claire

Speech-Language Pathology

Part-Time/Online Graduate Program

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"Being an online graduate student at UW-Eau Claire has been an amazing experience that I will cherish forever. I have made life-long friends who have helped me achieve something I have dreamed of for a long time. UW-Eau Claire has helped me achieve my dream of becoming a speech-language pathologist."

—Amy Edgemon (MS, 2019)

UW System Teaching Excellence Award for our SLHS Graduate Faculty (2019)

Fully online post-bacc course sequence being taught for over 15 years—our **online teaching pedagogy is second-to-none**

Our academic curriculum for online grad is matched to our residential grad program and **fully-accredited by CAA** (ASHA's accrediting body)

In 2025 we graduated our 9th online grad cohort (so we've been doing this awhile now)

Our **residency week** each summer with our online grads is filled with activity that is value-added

Our online grads experience fantastic clinical sites across the nation to earn their 400+ clock hours

Alumni from our online grad program are lead SLPs in amazing work settings (schools, hospitals, and more)

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Pre-Reqs

Bachelor's degree

30-credit SLHS undergraduate "core" of courses if the Bachelor's degree is not in SLHS or speech/language (you can apply to the grad program as long as you are close to being done with the leveling coursework)

Minimum GPA: 3.25 SLHS

A "C" or higher on any SLHS academic courses

A "B" or higher on any clinical practicum experiences



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How to Apply: SLHSCAS Application



Application on **CSDCAS** (look for it to open July/August)

Three letters of recommendation (try to make sure a least one of these is from university faculty—these people need to be able to comment on how you will match up to the rigor of a SLHS graduate program and someone who is not a SLHS faculty member cannot necessarily make that argument)

Write and submit your personal statement (letter of intent) addressing the prompt in CSDCAS

Complete your Kira Assessment asynchronous interview process (you will be guided to this through CSDCAS)

Order OFFICIAL copies all transcripts from all undergrad/post-bacc courses (submit these to CSDCAS by November 1—do NOT wait until fall grades are posted)

Finish EVERYTHING by November 1 (letters of rec can come in during early November, but all file review will be done by December 10, so letters received after November may not be reviewed)

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How to Apply: UW Application

Finalize your CSDCAS Application

Watch for email from UWEC (UW App)

Follow all instructions

Pay fee

Complete this process **as soon as you receive that email**



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What to Expect After Applying



1. Now that we are using Kira Assessment to interview all applicants, we may not need to hold interviews for a top-tier in January. If we decide we need to do a 2nd-stage interview, you will be contacted to set up your interview time by the middle of December. Those interviews would happen in early January.
2. Initial offers will be made to the first group of applicants the first week of February.
3. Movement from the waiting list tends to happen throughout February/March and even into April.
4. Final cohort completion should be done by the middle of April—at this point it will be quite unlikely you'd hear about being admitted. From time-to-time someone backs out later in April, but this is uncommon for our online grad program.

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What is the Residency Requirement?



1. Three, one-week trips to UWEC are required (one time each summer). The first week of June (for year 1) and the first week of August (year 2 and year 3). No one should book travel for residency week until you receive official confirmation of the dates from the grad program coordinator (spring of each year).
2. These residency weeks are filled with team-building, time with hands-on equipment activity, and face-to-face competencies with faculty. **This is not a period of time where you are doing clinical clock hours.**
3. You incur all travel costs associated with residency weeks. Low-cost university housing is available.

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What are the Costs of the Program



Flat-rate tuition (currently at \$725 per credit).

Travel costs for residency weeks (variable).

Textbooks.

\$125 one-time fee for your CALIPSO account (to track clock hours and other details).

Personal technology needs (computer, internet, peripherals, etc.).

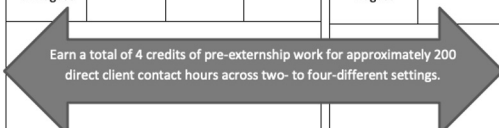
Annual criminal background check (approximately \$30 per year on average).

Immunizations or immunization titer level checks (variable costs).

NOTE: You should be eligible for student loans and other financial aid since you will be enrolled in a minimum of six graduate credits per semester (i.e., half-time status). You can apply for scholarships and UWEC graduate assistantships as well.

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Program Overview

	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3		
	Summer	Fall	Winterim	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winterim	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
ACADEMIC COURSES	SLHS 710-3	SLHS 648-3 SLHS 731-3	None	SLHS 706-3 SLHS 748-3	SLHS 737-3 SLHS 725-2	SLHS 726-3 SLHS 752-3	SLHS 721-1	SLHS 754-3 SLHS 729-3	SLHS 715-2 SLHS 774-1	SLHS 749-4	CLINIC ONLY
RESIDENCY	First full week in June				First week of August				First week of August		Optional: Attend Graduation!
CLINICAL COURSE ROTATIONS	None	None	None	None							SLHS 780-5 SLHS 781-5
	{ No Clinical Work Permitted the First Year }										Full-time, 9 weeks each (or one for 16-18 weeks)
Misc	Orientation processes	Start securing sites for Year 2 clinical work	Submit <u>practicum sites</u> for first rotations	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.	Pre-Praxis objective exam (phono and aural rehab).	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.		Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.			
Prior to Program Admission: Year 1 Initial Criminal Background Check (CBC)	Document Clinical <u>Prereqs</u> Register CALPSO Document 25 observe <u>hrs</u> (take SLHS 370 online, if deficient)	Finalize all initial clinical compliance procedures		CBC renewal	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.	Flu shot and other compliance updates		CBC renewal	Continue to visit and secure clinical sites.	Comps Project Due Flu shot and other compliance updates	Typically: 1-Medical 1-School CBC renewal

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The Clinical Practicum Requirements



You will be required to earn 400+ direct client contact hours during a combination of years 2 and 3 of the program.

You cannot start earning clock hours prior to May 1 of the first year of the program.

You must complete at least one final placement (externship) the third spring of the program (usually on a full-time schedule).

You must earn at least 100 clock hours in adult/medical services and a minimum of 100 hours working with children (usually in a public school).

Direct client contact hours are different than "on site" hours. You will usually spend 2-3 times more hours on site than you will earn for direct client contact.

You must take the lead role in finding placements in your preferred/potential geographic areas. (All clinical placements must be a minimum of 60 miles away from the UWEC campus.)

NOTE: Every online grad student's clinical program will look slightly different and can be customized. The most important component is finding qualified SLPs to host/supervise your placements.

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If you need **post-bacc advising**:

- Ms. Megan Figg (figgma@uwec.edu)
- Ms. Brenda Locher (LOCHERBC@uwec.edu)

If you have specific questions about our **online grad program**:

- Ms. Angie Sterling-Orth (sterliaj@uwec.edu)
- Ms. Brenda Locher (LOCHERBC@uwec.edu)