PennWest UNIVERSITY

Online Master of Science Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) FACT SHEET

Program Overview

The newly developed Online MSSLP program in Speech-Language Pathology at Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) is designed for students who want to pursue graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology in an online format. The 60-credit program is primarily completed asynchronously online with some synchronous and one in-person requirement. Students can complete the online program full-time (5 semesters and one intersession, 20 months) or part-time (7 semesters and one intersession, 29 months). See Appendices for sample plans of study for full and part time options.

Program Coursework

Course	Credits
I. Prerequisite Courses if needed	
II. Core Courses	**47**
CSD 6100 Speech Sound Disorders	3
CSD 6200 Child Language Disorders B-5	3
CSD 6300 Aphasia and Other Adult Language Disorders	3
CSD 6400 Adult Swallowing Disorders	3
CSD 6500 Introduction to Clinical Methods – Diagnostic	1
CSD 6600 Introduction to Clinical Methods – Treatment	2
CSD 6700 Fluency Disorders	3
CSD 6800 Voice and Upper Airway Disorders	3
CSD 6900 Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2
CSD 7100 Research Methods in SLP	3
CSD 7200 Motor Speech Disorders	3
CSD 7300 Child Language Disorders – School-Age and Adolescent	3
CSD 7400 Cognitive and Neurogenic Communication Disorders	2
CSD 7500 Audiology for the SLP	2
CSD 7600 Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders	3
CSD 7700 Professional Issues and DEI in SLP	3
CSD 7800 Counseling in Speech-Language Pathology	2
CSD 7900 Medical Speech-Language Pathology	3
IV. Clinical Education (13)	**13**
CSD 7000 On-campus clinic (including one week, face-to-face clinical immersion)	variable
CSD 7050 Off-campus clinic	variable
Total	**60**

Clinical Experiences

Students will gain diverse, guided clinical experiences through a combination of simulation, teletherapy, and 2 externship placements with clients across the lifespan. Externship placements can be in any location* so long as (1) an affiliation agreement between PennWest and the facility can be made, and (2) the clinical instructor is an ASHA certified and licensed speech-language pathologist. Students will primarily be responsible for securing their externship placement sites. The Director of Clinical Education will work with each student to coordinate affiliation agreements.

Due to state labor laws, we are unable to establish affiliation agreements in the state of Colorado.

Eligibility

We welcome students from any region to apply. Students must:
- Hold an undergraduate degree in the field of Communication Sciences & Disorders or have completed a post-bac in Speech-Language Pathology from an accredited institution.*
- Have earned at least an Overall 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in their undergraduate coursework and/or post-bac program.

Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in the field of Communication Sciences & Disorders and have not completed a post-bac in Speech-Language Pathology are welcome to apply to the [2-semester PennWest post-bac program](#).

How to Apply

Overview.
Students will apply to the Online MSSLP program using CSDCAS, which will be available July 15, 2024. Search for "Pennsylvania Western University" and select to the **Online** Program. [https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com.](https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com) It is recommended students submit their application materials through CSDCAS several weeks before the deadline.

Application Requirements.
1. Transcripts from all institutions where college credit was received toward your baccalaureate degree to date (submitted to and verified through CSDCAS)
2. Three letters of recommendation reflecting your ability to succeed in an online SLP graduate program
3. Personal essay (specific prompts for this essay are within the application)
4. Resume
5. Top-tier candidates will be invited for a live interview, conducted remotely.

Deadlines.
- Applications for Spring 2025 consideration are due on **October 15, 2024** by 11:59pm EST.
- Applications for Fall 2025 consideration are due on **February 1, 2025** by 11:59pm EST

Review Process. Shortly following the deadline, applications are reviewed by a committee and candidates are placed into tiers of admission. Top candidates will be invited for an interview, conducted remotely. All decisions and onboarding will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Other Information

In-person Intensive

Students will be required to visit PennWest for one-week during their program (during a summer session) for an in-person intensive. Students will engage in hands-on learning activities with various assessment and treatment materials and demonstrate competencies in required domains.

Summative Assessment

Students will need to pass a comprehensive, summative assessment (case defense), as well as the National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology for graduation.

Cost and Support

Tuition. Current tuition rates can be accessed here: https://online.pennwest.edu/tuition-and-aid/tuition/graduate

Program Fees. Students will be responsible for additional fees for various compliance items for externships (e.g., background checks), membership to Calipso, as well as required books and materials.

Contact

Please reach out with any questions! We look forward to connecting with you!

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Appendix A
Sample Plan of Study – Full Time
Subject to change

FULL TIME 20 months, 5 semesters + 1 Intercession					
Spring 1	**Summer 1**	**Fall 1**	**Winter Intersession**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 2**
6500: Dx (1)	7200: Motor Speech (3)	6700: Fluency Disorders (3)	7500: Aud for SLP (2)	7100: Research (3)	7700: Professional Issues (3)
6600: Tx (2)	7600: PFD (3)	7300: SA/Adol Lang. (3)		7400: Cog & Neuro (2)	
6100: SSD (3)	6900: AAC (2)	6400: Adult Swallowing (3			
6200: B-5 (3)	7800: Counseling (2)	7900: Med SLP (3)			
6300: Aphasia (3)					
6800: Voice (3)					
	7000: Campus Clinic & In-Person Clinical Immersion* (2)	7000: Campus Clinic (2)		7050: Externship (3)	7050: Externship (6)
Academic: 15	Academic: 10	Academic: 12	Academic: 2	Academic: 5	Academic: 3
Clinic: 0	Clinic: 2	Clinic: 2	Clinic: 0	Clinic: 3	Clinic: 6
Total: 15	Total: 12	Total: 14	Total: 2	Total: 8	Total: 9

*The semester for the in-person clinical immersion may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis.

Appendix B
Sample Plan of Study – Part Time
Subject to change

PART TIME 29 months, 7 semesters + 1 Intercession							
Spring 1	Summer 1	Fall 1	Winter Intersession	Spring 2	Summer 2	Fall 2	Spring 3
6500: Dx (1)	7200: Motor Speech (3)	6700: Fluency Disorders (3)	7500: Aud for SLP (2)	6100: SSD (3)	7800: Counseling (2)	6400: Adult Swallowing (3)	7100: Research (3)
6600: Tx (2)	7600: PFD (3)	7300: SA/Adol Lang. (3)		6800: Voice (3)	7700: Professional Issues (3)	7900: Med SLP (3)	
6200: B-5 (3)	6900: AAC (2)			7400: Cog & Neuro (2)			
6300: Aphasia (3)							
		7000: Campus Clinic (2)			7000: Campus Clinic & In-Person Clinical Immersion (2)	7050: Externship (3)	7050: Externship (6)
Academic: 9	Academic: 8	Academic: 6	Academic: 2	Academic: 8	Academic: 5	Academic: 6	Academic: 3
Clinic: 0	Clinic: 0	Clinic: 2	Clinic: 0	Clinic: 0	Clinic: 2	Clinic: 3	Clinic: 6
Total: 9	Total: 8	Total: 8	Total: 2	Total: 8	Total: 7	Total: 9	Total: 9