



Post-Baccalaureate Program in Speech-Language Pathology FACT SHEET

Program Overview

The post-baccalaureate (post-bac) program in Speech-Language Pathology (PBSLP) at Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) is designed for students who want to pursue graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology but earned an undergraduate degree outside the speech, language, and hearing discipline. The program can be completed at any PennWest campus location either in person or online. Online classes may be synchronous in nature. Prospective students apply to the PBSLP program with the aim to either (1) earn the post-bac certificate only or (2) to be conditionally accepted into the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program (MSSLP) at PennWest following successful completion of the post-bac certificate program.

Program Coursework & Outcomes

The post-bac program consists of 8-courses (24 credits), which can be completed in two semesters. The program outcomes are as follows:

1. Explain and apply knowledge of the developmental norms for speech/language acquisition.
2. Explain and apply knowledge of speech, language, and hearing disorders.
3. Explain how individual, cultural and linguistic differences influence communication.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic clinical process for the evaluation and remediation of communication disorders and differences.
5. Apply critical thinking, problem solving and logical reasoning skills to topics in CSD.
6. Demonstrate effective written communication skills to explain and describe content and research knowledge, and critical thinking skills as they apply to topics in CSD.

Course Prefix	Course Name	Credits
CSD 1500	Speech and Language Development	3
CSD 2100	Introduction to Audiology	3
CSD 2700	Phonetics	3
CSD 3000	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing	3
CSD 3100	Speech Science	3
CSD 3400	Aural Rehabilitation	3
CSD 4100	Neuroanatomy for the SLP	3
CSD 4200	Clinical Observation / Experience	3
TOTAL		24

Application Process

Option 1: Apply for the Post-Bac Certificate Only

Under this option, students will earn the certificate only. They can then choose to apply to a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology. If they apply for the PennWest Speech-Language Pathology program, their application will go under full review for consideration. Other universities may have different requirements for post-bac coursework. Minimum admission requirements are consistent with current undergraduate admissions criteria for PennWest.

Application process:

- Students will apply through the PennWest website: <https://www.pennwest.edu/apply>
- Admission Student Type: Post Baccalaureate
- Certificate Program: Yes
- Undergraduate Program Name/Major: Speech-Language Pathology (Cert)
- The student's application will undergo university review, and communication regarding acceptance will be sent from the PennWest Admissions office.
- Code to waive application fee: APPLYPENNWEST

Option 2: Apply for Conditional Acceptance in the PennWest MSSLP program

Under this option, students are applying for the Master's Program in Speech-Language Pathology at PennWest as a post-bac applicant. If accepted, they would first complete the required post-bac courses. Following successful completion of those courses, the students would then matriculate into the 5-semester MSSLP program. Minimum application requirements are a 3.0 GPA.

Application process:

- Students will apply to the Master's in Speech-Language Pathology program at Pennsylvania Western University through CSDCAS: <https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com>
- Under custom questions, select: "F2F or Online Post-Bac Prep Program with Conditional Admission to Graduate Program."
- If accepted, the Graduate Program Director will prompt the student to also submit an application through the PennWest website using the steps outlined in option 1. This step is necessary to ensure undergraduate tuition for the post-bac courses.

Contact

Please reach out to gradadmissions@pennwest.edu with any questions! We look forward to connecting with you!