



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.

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Years to
degree
completion

\$72,000

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, practical and hands-on clinical experiences.



\$95,410

Median annual wage for speech-language pathologists in 2024.

(**\$132,850—the salary of
the highest 10% of SLPs**)

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))

15%

projected growth of
speech-language pathologists,
from 2024-2034. Now that's
a healthy outlook.

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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

The application for Fall 2027
opens on July 15, 2026.

Applications must be submitted by
January 15, 2027 through the
CSDCAS website to be considered
for admission to start in Fall 2027.

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 in 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
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Spring Term

CSD 501	Clinical Practicum II
CSD 516	Language and Academic Literacies in K-12 Classrooms
CSD 521	Dysphagia & Feeding Disorders
CSD 528	Motor Speech Disorder Across the Lifespan

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 526	Voice Disorders
CSD 527	Fluency Disorders

Spring Term

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE OPTIONS:

CSD 523	Practicum in Educational Settings, full term
CSD 524	Practicum in Medical Settings, full term
CSD 513	Practicum in Educational Settings, half term AND CSD 514 Practicum in Medical Settings (half term)

CHOOSE ONE OF TWO CAPSTONE OPTIONS:

CSD 530	Thesis Research
CSD 590	Research Option II

Admission Requirements

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

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.