



Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Online Course Sequence (OLSLP - 36 months)
Catalog year 2025-2026

First Year - Fall Semester		
CSD 6620	Early Language Development & Disorders	3
CSD 6622	Speech Sound Disorders	3
	<i>total credits</i>	6
First Year - Spring Semester		
CSD 6600	Principles of Research in Communication Disorders	3
CSD 6614	School Age Language Development & Disorders	3
	<i>total credits</i>	6
First Year - Summer Semester		
CSD 6602	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language	2
CSD 6602L	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language Lab	0
CSD 6639	Neurogenic Disorders of Language & Cognition	3
	<i>total credits</i>	5
Second Year - Fall Semester		
CSD 6604	Off-campus Clinical Practicum	2
CSD 6624	Disorders of Swallowing	3
CSD 6629	Neuropathologies of Speech	3
	<i>total credits</i>	8
Second Year - Spring Semester		
CSD 6604	Off-campus Clinical Practicum	2
CSD 6616	Augmentative & Alternative Communication	3
CSD 6632	Craniofacial Anomalies	2
	<i>total credits</i>	7
Second Year - Summer Semester		
CSD 6602	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language	1
CSD 6602L	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language Lab	0
CSD 6604	Off-campus Clinical Practicum	1
Elective(s)	See attached Approved Elective Course List (Thesis students see Note below)	3
	<i>total credits</i>	5
Third Year - Fall Semester		
CSD 6604	Off-campus Clinical Practicum	2
CSD 6625	Advanced Issues in Language Disorders	3
CSD 6634	Voice Disorders	2
	<i>total credits</i>	7
Third Year - Spring Semester		
CSD 6604	Off-campus Clinical Practicum	2
CSD 6630	Fluency Disorders in Children and Adults	3
CSD 6648	Professional Issues: Speech-Language Pathology	3
	<i>total credits</i>	8
Third Year - Summer Semester		
CSD 6606	Externship in Speech-Language Pathology	8
	<i>program total credits</i>	60-63
Note: Non-Thesis students must take a minimum of 3 elective credits (see attached list). Thesis students need a minimum 6 credits of CSD 6650 Thesis. Consult with your advisor before registering. (Thesis students are not required to take 3 elective credits.)		

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology required coursework:

Course prefix	Credit	Course title
CSD 6600	3	Principles of Research in Communication Disorders
CSD 6602/6604	12	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language/Off-Campus Practicum
CSD 6602L	0	Clinical Practicum: Speech-Language Lab
CSD 6606	8	Externship in Speech-Language Pathology
CSD 6614	3	School Age Language Development and Disorders
CSD 6616	3	Augmentative & Alternative Communication
CSD 6620	3	Early Language Development and Disorders
CSD 6622	3	Speech Sound Disorders
CSD 6624	3	Disorders of Swallowing
CSD 6625	3	Advanced Issues in Language Disorders
CSD 6629	3	Neuropathologies of Speech
CSD 6630	3	Fluency Disorders in Children and Adults
CSD 6632	2	Craniofacial Anomalies
CSD 6634	2	Voice Disorders
CSD 6639	3	Neurogenic Disorders of Language & Cognition
CSD 6648	3	Professional Issues: Speech-Language Pathology
Elective(s)	3	Non-thesis option: see approved elective list below (a minimum of 3 credits are required)
	60	total credits non-thesis
CSD 6650	6	Thesis: Thesis students are not required to take elective credits
	66	total credits thesis

Required prerequisite coursework:

The following courses or their equivalents are the prerequisites for entry to the SLP graduate program. Students must have the following ISU courses or course equivalents from another institution or provide evidence from course syllabi that the basic information (content) has been covered in their undergraduate program.

Course prefix	Credits	Course title
CSD 3310	3	Speech Science: The Acoustical Nature of Sound and Speech
CSD 3321	3	Clinical Phonetics and Phonology
CSD 3325/3325L	4	Speech Sound Development and Disorders & Lab
CSD 3330	3	Language Science
CSD 3335	3	Language Development and Disorders
CSD 3341	3	Audiometry and Hearing Science (3 credits of audiology coursework is required)
CSD 3350/3350L	4	Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech and Swallowing Mechanisms & Lab
CSD 4405	3	Neuroscience for Communication Disorders

Recommended coursework:

Course prefix	Credits	Course title
CSD 3315	2	Clinical Processes Pediatric
CSD 4420	2	Clinical Processes Adult
CSD 4445	3	Aural Rehabilitation
CSD 4460	3	Educational Audiology
CSD 4425	3	SLP Methods and Applications

Note: At least one course in each of the following is required:

- **Biological Sciences:** At least a 100-level university course with a content area related to human or animal sciences: includes biology, human anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, human genetics, and veterinary science. Must be from a Biology department.
- **Physical Sciences:** At least a 100-level university course. **Must** be either Physics (recommended) or Chemistry.
- **Statistics:** At least a 100-level university course. An acceptable description would include topics such as descriptive statistics, probability, inferential, correlation, regression, measures of central tendency, t-tests, ANOVA, and hypothesis testing for one and two parameters. The course may be under Math, Statistics, Psychology, or Business as long as it meets the above criteria.
- **Social/Behavioral Sciences:** At least a 100-level university course. Includes Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology.

Approved Electives

The courses below have been approved by the faculty to fulfill the 3 elective credits requirement for SLP Master's students choosing the Non-Thesis option. **Important: A student must submit a petition to substitute a course not on this list.** You must take at least 3 elective credits; however, some course selections (as indicated below) will require you to take more than 3 credits. All courses listed, including semesters offered, are subject to change at any time.

Communication Sciences and Disorders Courses:

- CSD 5517 Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team (1 credit, spring)
- CSD 5582 Disorders and Dyslexia (Instructor Dr. Heather Ramsdell, 3 credits, spring – maximum 7 students)
- CSD 6652 Auditory Language Learning (3 credits, online spring & summer 2025 only, summer only starting 2026)
- CSD 6655 Seminar in Literacy for Children who are DHH (3 credits, spring)
- CSD 6677 Foundations of Listening and Spoken Language (3 credits, fall)
- CSD 6691 Seminar Topics in Pediatric Hearing (3 credits, spring)
- CSD 6651 Master's Paper (3 credits – faculty petition required)

Other:

- PSY 5537 Cognitive Neuroscience (Instructor Dr. Lawrence Behmer, 3 credits, spring – maximum 2 SLP students)
- EDUC 5519 Developmental Literacy (Instructor Dr. Amanda Eller, 3 credits, spring – maximum 2-3 SLP students)
- SPEC ED 5529 Strategies in Severe Disabilities (Instructor Dr. Celal Perihan, 3 credits, spring – several SLP students)
- SPEC ED 5541 Advanced Principles of Behavior Management (3 credits, fall)
- SPEC ED 5543 Autism (2 credits, fall)

Graduate Certificate in Spanish: Must meet two requirements listed below to count as the SLP graduate elective requirement (15 credits are required for certificate). [Click here](#) for Graduate Certificate in Spanish requirements.

- **Language Core Courses** (minimum of 9 credits required for Spanish Certificate)
 - SPAN 5560 Interpretation and Translation I & II (3 credits each class - fully online fall & spring)
 - 6 credits (both spring and summer courses) satisfies 1st requirement
- **Cultural Electives** (minimum of 6 credits required for Spanish Certificate)
 - ENGL 5588 (equivalent to ANTH 5550) Introduction to Sociolinguistics (3 credits, classroom based in the fall)
 - MPH 6604 Social and Cultural Perspectives in Public Health (3 credits, fully online spring)
 - SPAN 5593 Spanish Internship (3 credits, fully online with set days/times fall & spring)
 - Select one course from the three listed above to satisfy 2nd requirement

Geriatric Certificate: All three courses (8 credits total) are required to satisfy the SLP graduate elective requirement (note the need to plan ahead for both fall and spring courses). [Click here](#) for Geriatric Certificate requirements.

- DHS 5502 Survey of Aging Issues (3 credits, fully online fall)
- DHS 5503 Interprofessional Systems in Geriatric Management (3 credits, fully online spring)
- DHS 5504 Geriatric Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Internship (2 credits, fully online fall & spring)

Mindfulness courses: Students can take a maximum of 2 credits on Mindfulness, then select other approved courses to earn a total of at least 3 elective credits.

- DHS 5501 Mindfulness in Health Science: (2 credits, online fall with set days/times)
- DHS 5505 Effects of Mindfulness Practice: (1 credit, online with set days/times spring)
- DHS 5506 The Mindful Practitioner: (2 credits, fully online fall)
- DHS 5510 Fundamentals of Mindfulness (2 credits, online fall with set days/times)
- DHS 5511 Introduction to Mindfulness (1 credit, online fall & spring with set days/times)
- DHS 5599 Mindfulness Based Strengths (1 credit, online fall & spring with set days/times)

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