



TOP REASONS YOU SHOULD STUDY SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

YOU'LL LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our classes are taught by faculty, not teaching assistants like bigger universities. Our faculty have years of experience in schools, hospitals, and teaching, and are experts in their fields.



EIU IS THE ONLY ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY WITH CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADS

Don't just watch videos or watch other people doing therapy! EIU lets you help a graduate clinician in therapy for a whole semester and then treat your own client for a whole semester with the guidance of a faculty member.

EIU HAS STUDY PLANS TO EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS & KEEP CAREER OPTIONS OPEN

PRE-THERAPY STUDY PLAN

Apply to grad school for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and/or Physical Therapy.

NON-TEACHING EDUCATION STUDY PLAN

Apply to grad school for Speech Therapy, School Psychologist and/or School Counselor with Communication Disorders major & electives.

PRE-MED/PRE-HEALTHCARE STUDY PLAN

Take pre-med courses with Communication Disorders major. Can apply to med school, physician assistant school, audiology or speech therapy grad programs.

BILINGUAL OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDY PLAN (AND MORE)

Take courses in another language to be a bi-lingual speech therapist or business courses for expertise for private practice or therapy administration job options.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Additionally, there are many volunteer, study abroad, and research opportunities.

YOU'LL BE WELL-PREPARED

Faculty will know you well! Students consistently score very high on professional exams. 100% of EIU graduate students prepared in the field of speech language pathology were employed in the profession within 3 months of graduation.



SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS:

- POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF OTHERS
- WORK IN SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, PRIVATE PRACTICE, EARLY INTERVENTION & MORE
- EARN GOOD PROFESSIONAL SALARIES
- HAVE MULTIPLE JOB OFFERS TO CHOOSE FROM BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES IN FIELD
- EXPERIENCE HIGH JOB SATISFACTION
- WORK INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH A TEAM

2024 COLLEGE CONSENSUS

RANKS SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY:

TOP 10 DEGREES IN DEMAND FOR 2024

**50 HIGHEST PAYING CAREERS
FOR COLLEGE GRADS**



**COMMUNICATION
DISORDERS & SCIENCES**
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS & SCIENCE

SEE HOW EIU CHECKS OUT!

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY TO STUDY THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS & SCIENCE

WILL I HAVE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT?	
	• In Illinois, EIU is the ONLY public university to give all undergraduate students (who are in the major for more than two years) a client to treat . You will shadow and assist another clinician for one semester, then you will have your own client for one semester. • Three private universities in Illinois also provide undergraduate clinical experience, but the tuition is 3 to 5 times more expensive than EIU.
HOW MANY CLASSES ABOUT TREATING SPEECH OR LANGUAGE DISORDERS ARE IN THE PROGRAM? ARE CLASSES GUARANTEED?	
	• EIU requires undergraduate students take 10 classes about how to evaluate and treat communication disorders in addition to 6 communication science and normal development classes. Some universities offer only (or mostly) the science and normal development courses. • YES, Seats in all EIU CDS classes are guaranteed for majors.
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS GET ACCEPTED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL?	
	• Students need to attend graduate school to be a speech-language pathologist or audiologist • Most students with a 3.3 GPA or above are admitted to a graduate program in the field. Students with higher GPAs and strong letters of recommendation often have multiple offers of admission and offers of some funding to help with graduate school. At EIU, small class sizes, clinical supervision, and faculty advising allow professors to know undergraduate students well and write personalized letters of recommendation. • High school seniors with a 3.75 GPA or above and EIU juniors with a 3.5 GPA or above can apply for DIRECT or EARLY ADMISSION to EIU's graduate program (see brochure). If you want to stay at EIU, this saves time, stress and money.
IS THERE AN EARLY ADMISSION ACCELERATED GRADUATE PROGRAM "FAST TRACK"?	
	• Many students with dual credit or AP credit in high school finish the undergraduate program in 3 years • EIU's graduate program has 1 year (summer-fall-spring-summer) of on-campus courses and clinical practicum followed by two semesters of full time medical and school internships that can be near home or other places based on student preference • Therefore, students on the accelerated "fast track" are finished with both undergraduate and graduate courses in 4 years and have their master's degree finished in 5 years. • There is an early admission option where students don't have to apply to other graduate programs if they meet the criteria
ARE THERE OTHER GOOD EXPERIENCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS THAT WILL ASSIST FINANCIALLY, PREPARE ME FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL AND BEING A FUTURE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?	
	At EIU, we offer the following helpful experiences: • Many volunteer opportunities • Research experience <i>(i.e. independent study, undergraduate thesis)</i> • Study abroad led by CDS faculty • Active student NSSLHA chapter • STEP Program to work with students with Autism • Honors program • SCHOLARSHIPS- honors program, department, ISAC Special Education Tuition Waiver, Graduate Assistantships

EXCELLENT OUTCOMES



Passing the **Speech Pathology Praxis Exam** is required to get certification/licensure and work as a SLP.

- The chart at the right demonstrate that EIU graduates score significantly higher than the national and state averages. Grand Rounds class and focus on good teaching help.

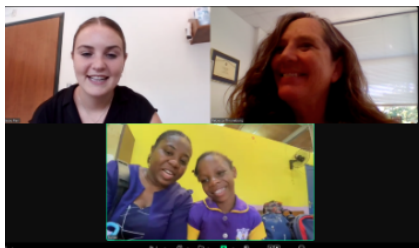
Other Outcome Data

- High acceptance rate to grad school in audiology, speech pathology or other grad program of choice
- 100% of seniors reported if they had the choice to make over again, they would all choose EIU for their undergraduate Communication Disorders education
- Much extracurricular involvement, many awards & scholarships

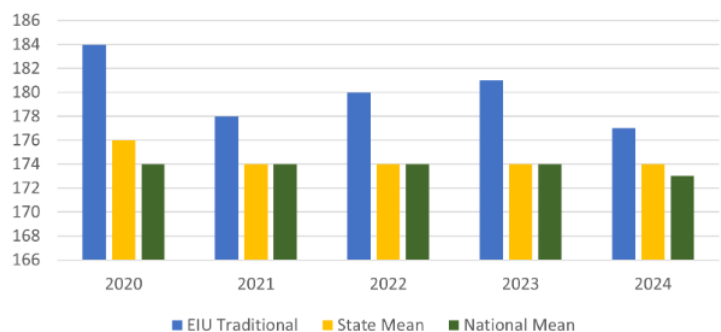


ABOVE: EIU Clinicians in Jamaica testing client

BELOW: EIU clinician doing on-line therapy with same client in Jamaica



Speech-Language Pathology Praxis Exam Scores
EIU, State and National Mean Score Comparison



EIU CDS Undergraduate Student Quotes

- I love EIU because of the small class size, the way the faculty and students make you feel like you're a part of a "family". I feel as if the faculty truly care about each and every student. I have had experience where that was not the case at a larger university. I have felt welcomed since day 1!*
- I love that the classes challenge me to be the best I possibly can and that I have great relationships with the faculty and my peers.*
- How much clinical experience the department has to offer is wonderful! I also like how no matter the client, the staff and students here will work until they have a diagnosis.*
- I love the open door policy and I greatly appreciate how helpful the faculty is here.*
- I learned sooo much in applied classes and undergraduate clinic. The opportunity to spend a week in Jamaica working with grad clinicians, EIU faculty and an SLP in Jamaica at a clinic was really great! Looking forward to doing on-line therapy with a child in Jamaica in grad school!*
- Being in the Early Admit to grad school program is fantastic! I'm taking 2 grad classes as a senior and don't have to spend time and money applying to a bunch of other grad schools -- I love EIU and I'm staying here for grad school!*



Speech–Language Pathologist

Consider majoring in **speech-language pathology/communication disorders & sciences** at **Eastern Illinois University**. Universities offer very different experiences in the major. EIU has undergraduate clinical experience, high acceptance to grad school, career flexible study plans for many options and back-up plans, full-time 14-week internships in BOTH the school and medial setting in graduate school, very high scores on national exam, and much more.

Help Children in Schools, Early Intervention, Clinics

SLPs work with **Children in a Variety of Settings** including: birth-3 early intervention home or clinic services, pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools, hospitals, NICU, clinics, private practice.

SLPs work with Children with:
speech sound errors, spoken language delays, autism, reading difficulties, augmentative communication, stuttering, feeding and swallowing difficulties, hearing impairments

Salary in Schools or other 9-10 month setting (ASHA 2024 schools survey).

Median salary with 1-5 years experience was \$63,000, with 10-20 years experience median salary was \$75,000. Higher salaries in urban compared to rural settings. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50-55 per hour

GREAT JOB !!! High Job Satisfaction– helping people, changing lives with ability to communicate
Good salary! (2023 Bureau Labor Median= \$89,290)

Job flexibility/variety—full time, 9 or 12 months, part-time/hourly, choose different settings, ages

100% Employment, often multiple job offers, SLP job opportunities growing 29% between 2020 and 2030 (Bureau Labor Statistics)



Help Adults in Medical Settings, Home Health, Clinics

SLPs work with **Adults in a Variety of Settings** including: hospitals, home health care, residential health care facilities, clinics, private practice. In 2023, 40% of SLPs worked in some type of health care setting.

SLPs work with Adults with:

Aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, cognitive and executive function disorders, swallowing difficulties, stuttering, voice disorders, hearing impairments. Many clients have had strokes, traumatic brain injury, head & neck cancer, neurological conditions that affect speech motor system such as Parkinsons, ALS, etc.

Salary in Health Care 12-month (ASHA 2023 health care survey)

Median salary with 1-3 years experience was \$74,000, with 19+ years experience median salary was \$98,000-\$100,000. Median salary clinical service provider \$82,000, for admin/supervisors \$105,000. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50 per hour.





Audiologist

Consider majoring in **Communication Disorders & Sciences at Eastern Illinois University**. EIU has undergraduate courses in audiology, aural rehabilitation, sign language, clinical experience & high acceptance to grad school for Audiology.

What Do Audiologists Do?

- Audiologists work with patients of all ages from new-borns to elderly who present with hearing and balance disorders.
- Audiologists evaluate, diagnose, and treat a variety of hearing problems.
- They supervise & conduct new-born hearing screenings
- They assess the candidacy of persons with hearing loss for hearing aids and cochlear implants and provide fitting, programming, and audiologic rehabilitation to ensure the best possible outcomes.
- They manage hearing conservation programs, provide tinnitus retraining therapy, perform cerumen management, participate in forensic audiology and evaluate auditory processing disorders.
- They counsel and educate teachers, older adults, children and their families about hearing loss
- Audiologists serve on multi-disciplinary teams with other professionals including physicians, physical therapists, optometrists, teachers, and speech-language pathologists and make medical referrals

Job Outlook and Salary

GREAT JOB !!! High Job Satisfaction— helping people, changing lives with ability to have better hearing and balance

Good salary! (2023 Bureau Labor Median= \$87,740)

Job flexibility/variety— choose different settings, ages, part-time/hourly

High Employment, often multiple job offers

Audiology job opportunities growing much faster than average at 11% between 2023 and 2033 (Bureau Labor Statistics)



Where do Audiologists Work?

- Hospitals
- Doctors' offices
- Private and Group Practice
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- K-12 Schools
- Other Schools and Programs for special-needs children
- Colleges and Universities
- Local, State, and Federal Government Agencies
- Military- 2.7 million veterans have service-related hearing loss





Minors & “Back-Up” Plans with Major in Communication Disorders & Sciences (CDS)

- ❖ *Many people with a major in CDS go on to grad school to be a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) or Audiologist BUT with planning there are many other graduate programs or career options that can be pursued*
- ❖ *Consider Minors, concentrations of classes, or a double major that reflect your **potential career interests***
- ❖ *Build a deliberate pathway to **graduate school and beyond with options and alternatives***

**STUDY PLANS WITH THE
CDS MAJOR OR MINOR
THAT KEEP YOUR OPTIONS
OPEN**

Note: if you know you would like to be an SLP or Audiologist but you are concerned about the length of study with graduate school, a 3 year option for the major is available. This is best for students who have 15 credits or more of AP credit or dual credit from high school, have strong study skills and grades, and would prefer to be finished with undergrad in 3 years rather than focusing on minors and other coursework that gives more flexibility in options for advanced study and career paths.

School-Based Educational SLP or Audiologist. Alternative Option= School Psych or Counselor	Consider a major in CDS with minor in Psychology with intentional electives in the psychology minor (e.g. behavior management, abnormal psychology, etc)	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to M.S in School Psychology or School Counseling programs
Health Care Pre-Therapy (OT, PT, SLP) Pre-Med, Pre-Dentist, Pre-PA	A major in CDS with required pre-requisite courses & electives for Occupational or Physical Therapy, Pre-Med, Pre-Dentist, Pre-PA keeps your options open If you are sure you want to be an SLP and the medical setting is most appealing, consider minor in Neuroscience, Psychology with Cognitive focus, or Nutrition instead of the pre-med or pre other tx coursework	CDS major gives clinical shadowing and clinical treatment experience which is helpful for all types of health-field applications. Can apply to Therapy graduate program (OT, PT) or Medical School, Dental School, or PA grad programs of choice and have option to apply to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology
Early Intervention or Family Services	Want to work with young children and families, but not 100% sure you want to go to grad school to be an SLP? Consider a major in CDS & minor in Early Childhood Program Administration or Human Services Program Administration	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative career as Child or Family Advocate, Day Care Admin, Recruiter Foster Family Services and more. Possible credentialing as a Developmental Therapist or a Service Coordinator in Early Intervention.
Private Practice or Future Administration	Want to possibly have a private practice as an SLP or move into administration of a rehab unit, consider a minor in Business Administration or Human Services Program Administration	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to Regular or Nonprofit M.B.A. Programs, or to M.S. in Health or Human Services Administration
Bilingual SLP or Audiologist	Consider a Minor or Double Major in Spanish, French, or German	Application to M.S. Programs in SLP (some have bilingual specialty) or AuD in Audiology Alternative- Apply to M.A. Programs in TOEFL or Teacher Education for world language. Translator. Bi-lingual Family Advocate



SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPLICATION OPPORTUNITIES AT EIU



Speech-Language Pathologists, School Counselors, and School Psychologists are all considered to be “non-teaching” **school support personnel** and typically receive similar higher paying salaries on school pay scales. All of these professions require a 60-semester hour master’s degree to work in their professions. **With a CDS major and a psychology minor consisting of a specific set of psychology courses, undergraduates at EIU can explore all three professions as an undergraduate and apply to any or all 3 of these graduate programs during their senior year.**

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

School Psychologists provide direct support to students and also consult with other professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers), teachers, and family members to improve individual support strategies, enhance school-wide practices and policies, and collaborate with members of the community to coordinate needed services. School psychologists also help schools: improve academic achievement, promote mental health awareness and support, diagnose learning and intellectual disabilities, create and provide safe and positive school atmospheres, strengthen family-school relationships, improve school wide assessment and monitoring student progress in academics and behavior.

*Taking all **required** classes listed below fulfills the requirement to obtain a minor in Psychology.

Required Courses	Recommended Courses
1) Intro to Psychology (CDS also requires) Psy 1879G 2) Abnormal Psychology Pysch 3780 3) Statistics (CDS also requires, may want to take the psychology statistics) Psy 2610 4) Research Methods in Psychology Psy 3805 5) Behavior Management/Modification of Learning (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 3620 Psych of Learning, Psy 4265 Meth in Behavior Management 6) Child Psychology/Human Development (CDS also requires) Psy 3515	1) Psychology of Exceptional Children (some grad programs in CDS want this) Psy 4515 2) Psychological Measurement (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 4620 3) Cognitive Psychology (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 3830

Graduate School Application Process and Opportunities

With the set of electives listed above, you can apply for **School Psychology** Master Programs at EIU, Loyola, Illinois State University, Western Illinois University, the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and more.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AT EIU Typically 25-30 applications received for 10 spots. Prefer GRE in 50% percentile or better. GPA of 3.5. Opportunities with the Academic Intervention Clinic on campus, full-time internship. Accredited. 100% employment.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

School Counselors work in elementary, middle, and high schools in which they provide support for emotional and behavioral development as well as guidance for college and career opportunities. Some school counselors work at the college level, specializing in career counseling and workforce development. Others work in healthcare or social service agencies. School counselors encourage student success within the school environment by helping individuals develop academic and social skills. School counselors also aid students dealing with emotional, social, mental health, and behavioral issues that threaten their success as healthy individuals. They evaluate students' interests and abilities; provide guidance lessons and counseling; and collaborate with parents and teachers to create plans to help achieve student success. School counselors may also help students develop effective study habits, overcome behavioral problems, develop career plans, explore college options, report possible cases of abuse, and maintain records. They sometimes encounter complex issues such as bullying, suicide, addiction, and abuse.

Required Courses	Recommended Courses
1) Intro to Psychology (CDS also requires) * Psy 1879G 2) Abnormal Psychology Psy 3780 3) Statistics (CDS also requires) Psy 2610 4) Research Methods (may want to take research methods in psychology) Psy 3805	1) Developmental Psychology Psy 3515 (child psych)

Graduate School Application Process and Opportunities

With the set of electives listed above, you can apply for **School Counseling** Master Programs at EIU, Governor’s State University, Lewis University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois, Chicago State University, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Loyola, and more.

SCHOOL COUNSELING AT EIU Accepts 50% of applications, 15 per year of approximately 30 apps, >3.0 GPA; 3.3/3.4 is competitive. Clinical Mental Health - 15 slots for approximately 40 applications. Accredited.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY

FRESHMAN DIRECT ADMISSION TO GRAD SCHOOL PROGRAM



**COMPETITIVE
ADMISSION**
INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

FOR HIGH ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS

Based on a competitive admission process, a limited number of first semester freshman students will be accepted into the Master's of Science Speech–Language Therapy program through the Freshman Direct Admit Process (see back for qualification and application information).

Direct Admit students maintain their **GUARANTEED SPOT** in the EIU grad program if they keep a 3.5 or above major and cumulative university GPA in their undergraduate courses and meet the requirements for Essential Professional Functions in undergraduate coursework.

Students automatically begin graduate coursework when they have completed undergraduate pre-requisites.

For students with some dual credit or AP classes, an accelerated option is available. Students who enroll in at least four 2000-level CDS courses in their first year, may complete:

- + all undergraduate requirements within 3 years,
- + all on-campus graduate coursework and practicum within 4 years,
- + full-time medical and school internships throughout Illinois or out- of-state and graduate with a master's degree within 5 years

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- + Clinical shadowing and clinical practicum as an undergraduate student
- + Extra-curricular opportunities such as mentor in the STEP College Autism program, and social and extra learning opportunities with the NSSHLA student group, bilingual journal club or ASL club
- + Faculty-led therapy abroad and study abroad opportunities
- + University and/or Department Honors
- + Flexible study plans that keep options open or allow for focused study such as “pre-therapy”, “pre-med”, business, bi-lingual, and more.
- + Faculty work closely and use applied case teaching
- + High certification test scores and choices for employment

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY

DIRECT ADMISSION AND EARLY ADMISSION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL



QUALIFICATIONS

- + Interest in the Speech Therapy (Speech-Language Pathology) profession
 - + High school senior who is admitted to Eastern Illinois University (EIU) with a declared major in Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS)
 - + Meets Academic Achievement standards:
 - High school cumulative GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale)
- OR**
- SAT 1230+ or ACT composite 26+, with a high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 or upper 10% of high school graduating class

✓ APPLICATION PROCESS

FALL EARLY DECISION APPLICATION

- + **Apply and be accepted to EIU by Nov 1**
- + Send email stating intention to be considered for Direct Admit program with resume attached to Dr. Rebecca Throneburg at rmthroneburg@eiu.edu by Nov 1
- + Schedule in-person Q&A meeting about Direct Admit with Dr. Throneburg or Dr. Anthony during an on-campus EIU visit or schedule a zoom meeting with them. Meeting can be completed any time in the fall prior to Nov 15. Contact Dr. Throneburg to schedule the meeting.
- + Early Decision applicants will be notified of acceptance by Dec 15.

SPRING DECISION APPLICATION

- + **Apply and be accepted to EIU by April 1**
- + Send email stating intention to be considered for Direct Admit program with resume attached to Dr. Rebecca Throneburg at rmthroneburg@eiu.edu by Mar 15
- + Schedule in-person Q&A meeting about Direct Admit with Dr. Throneburg or Dr. Anthony during an on-campus EIU visit or schedule a zoom meeting with them. Meeting can be completed any time prior to **Mar 15**. Contact Dr. Throneburg to schedule the meeting.
- + Spring applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 1.

EARLY ADMIT TO GRAD SCHOOL FOR EIU JUNIORS

STUDENT DECISION & ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

- + EIU students who did not participate in the Direct Admission to Graduate School Program as a senior in high school can apply for **EARLY ADMISSION** to EIU's graduate program when their 3000-level courses are completed in April of their junior year.
- + EIU CDS students with an interest in attending EIU's CDS graduate program who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for acceptance into the CDS Early Admit Graduate Program:
 - They have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and major GPA upon completion of 3000-level CDS courses.*
 - They have completed >60 hours of college credit by the end of the spring term.
 - They have met the Essential Professional Functions in Undergraduate Coursework minimum requirements.
 - They have submitted an application to the Graduate Admissions Committee by April 1 of their junior year consisting of:
 - Written responses to a personal essay question and 3 short answer questions consistent the traditional application
 - Resume that includes extra-curricular, service, leadership, and employment experience
- + EIU faculty advisors provide additional information to students about the program.
- + Review of applications will take place during May by the Graduate Admissions Committee. Final grades, as well as Essential Professional Functions, will be considered. Students will be notified of acceptance into the CDS Early Admit Program by June 1.
- + **SAVES MONEY, TIME, AND STRESS**



3-YEAR B.S. in COMMUNICATION DISORDERS & SCIENCES, 5-YEAR BS/MS, 5 th year off campus					
Year 1 in CDS (Fresh/Soph)					
	SH	FALL SEMESTER		SH	SPRING SEMESTER
	1	CDS 2000 INTRO to CDS		3	CDS 2100 PHONETICS/PHON DEV
	3	CDS 2800 SPEECH SCIENCE		3	CDS 2500 ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
	3	_____G , Elective (Or CDS 2200 can be FA SP)		3	CDS 2200 LANG ACQUISITION (Offered both fall and Spring Semesters)
	3	_____G or statistics or prerequisite SEE Gen Ed checklist on pg 2		3	_____G or: ELECTIVE Minor class
	3-4	_____G Chemistry or Physics (fall or spring)		3	_____G; BIO 2005G (offered Fall and Spring)
14-17 sh	(3)	_____Elective or minor class if need more credits	15 sh		
Year 2 in CDS (Soph/Junior) MUST MAINTAIN 3.0 TO REGISTER FOR CDS CLASSES					
	SH	FALL SEMESTER		SH	SPRING SEMESTER
	3	CDS 3100 PHON ASSESS/TREATMENT		2	CDS 3900 CLINICAL TECHNIQUES* (mandatory clinic orientation meeting attendance required)
	3	CDS 3200 LANGUAGE DISORDERS		3	CDS 4300 INTRO TO AUDIOLOGY
	3	CDS 3700 DIAGNOSIS/TREATMENT		3	_____ *Statistics course *MAT 2250-G, (4sh), or *PSY 2610-(4sh), or BUS 2810-(3sh) or ELECTIVE
	3	_____G or ELECTIVE/OR Minor Class or CDS HONORS STUDENTS TAKE CDS 4666		3	_____G or ELECTIVE/OR CDS HONORS STUDENTS TAKE CDS 4644
	3	PSY 3515 Child Psych or HSL 2850 Child Dev		3	_____G or: ELECTIVE Minor class
15 sh			15-17 sh	1-3	Elective or independent study
			Students 3.5 + CGPA & MGPA can apply by April 1 st for Early Admission Consideration for Grad School. Direct Admit Students must have maintained 3.5+ GPA and met Essential Professional Functions		
Year 3 in CDS (Junior/Senior) MUST MAINTAIN 3.0 TO REGISTER FOR CDS CLASSES					
	SH	FALL SEMESTER		SH	SPRING SEMESTER
	3	CDS 4350 AURAL REHABILITATION		2	CDS 4815 Augment& Alternative Comm (AAC)
	1	CDS 4900 UG CLINICAL PRACTICUM		3	CDS 4600 Senior Seminar OR CDS Honors take CDS 4690 which is Honors Capstone
	3	CDS 3500 NEUROLOGY/EMBRYOLOGY		3	_____ELECTIVE or Minor (3000-4000 number)
	3	_____G or: ELECTIVE Minor class or CDS 1101 FA American Sign Lang 1 FA if student wants 2 sequence course for proficiency. CAN take ANY FALL/SPRING - no pre-requisites		2-3	CDS 3300 SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF CULTURE (any spring term) or CDS 1102 American Sign Language 2 if taking 2 course sequence
	3	CDS elective- CDS 4500 Intro to Medical SLP can be taken either fall semester , but does not need to be taken		3	_____G or ELECTIVE or Minor (3000-4000)
16 sh	3	CDS 5230 Early Child Lang Dis- if Admitted to Grad Program	16-17	3	CDS 5250 School-Age Lang Dis- if Admitted to Grad Program
91-97 semester hours in 3 yr grid** Need 120 hrs for Bachelors			*** Need 40 upper division hours for a bachelor's degree		
Year 4 (in CDS Grad School)					
	Summer 1 Grad School		Fall 1 Grad School (YEAR 4)		Spring 1 Grad School (YEAR 4)
1	CDS 5000 Research Methods		3	5100 Motor Speech Disorders	3 CDS 5500 Dysphagia
2	CDS 5130 Adv Speech Sound Dis		3	5300 Aphasia & Right Hem Dys	3 CDS 5350 Cognitive Com & EF Dis
1	CDS 5905 Adv Clinical Techniques		2	5170 Voice Disorders	1 CDS 5001 Research Exp
1	CDS 5915 Adv Clinical Dx & Assess		2	5900 Advanced Clinical Practicum	2 CDS 5900 Advanced Clinical Practicum
5	Blue can be counted grad & undergrad, need 120 BS by here		1	5910 Adv Speech & Lang Dx	1 CDS 5920 Aud & Diversity SLP
Year 5 (in CDS Grad School, Away from Charleston after Summer)					
	Summer 2 Grad School		Fall 2 Grad School (YEAR 5)		Spring 2 Grad School (YEAR 5)
2	CDS 5210 Literacy for SLP		Away from Charleston		Away from Charleston
2	CDS 5150 Fluency Disorders		9	CDS 5970/80 Ed/Med Internship	9 CDS 5970/80 Ed/Med Internship
2	Grand Rounds in CDS		1	CDS 5670/80 Pro Issues (on-line)	1 CDS 5670/80 Pro Issues (on-line)
1	CDS 5900 Advanced Clinical Prac				

GENERAL EDUCATION Checklist (1 "C" or better)											
Language ("C" or better) 9 hrs				Social Behavior Sciences 9 hrs				Mathematics ("C" or better) 3 hrs			
!ENG 1001G	3			!PSY 1879G	3			!MAT 2250G			
!ENG 1002G	3				3			or			
!CMN 1310G	3				3						
Humanities/FineArts* 9 hrs				Scientific Awareness 7 hrs				World Languages** 0-8 hrs			
HU	3			! BIO 2005G	4			(CDS 1101 & 1102 count)			
FA	3			Phys Sci (Chem or Physics)							
HU/FA	3				3			**Exempt if 2 yrs in high school w/"C" average			

Speech Pathologists Can Apply for ISAC Scholarship

Students who are Illinois residents, attend public Illinois universities such as EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, and plan to work in the school setting in Illinois as a speech pathologist or other special education teacher after graduation, are eligible to apply for ISAC's Illinois Special Education Tuition Waiver

- ◇ The program that pays for tuition and mandatory fees for up to four calendar years in exchange for working in an Illinois school (public, private, non-profit, parochial) for 2 of 5 years after graduating
- ◇ Website is in picture below (isac.org) or search "Illinois Special Education Tuition Waiver"
- ◇ The application is typically available on the website in mid-December and must be submitted before March 1st
- ◇ Each year, ISAC awards 250 of these Special Ed tuition and fee waiver scholarships. If you are not selected by the July notification, apply again next year. The scholarship is good for up to 4 years, and can be used in grad school too. (All information obtained from www.isac.org)

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Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

Because this program is a tuition waiver for attendance at public universities in Illinois, awards are not subject to annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

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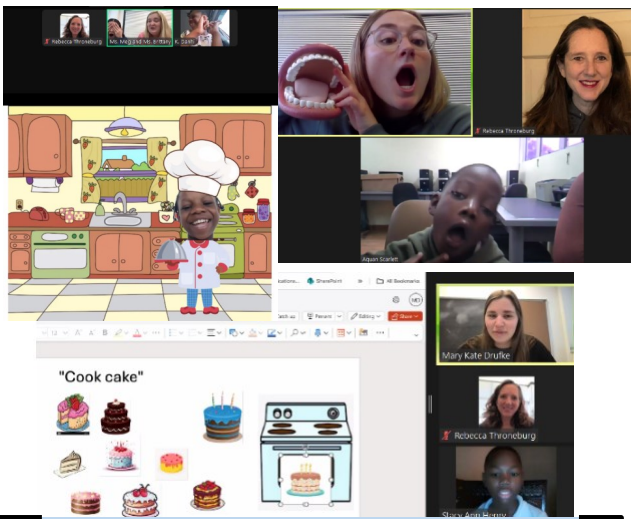
EIU Speech Therapy Partnership with



Since 2023, **Speech-Language Pathology/Communication Disorders & Sciences** at **Eastern Illinois University** partners with Mico CARE Centre in Jamaica year-round to provide speech therapy services to children in Jamaica. There are fewer than 8 speech therapists in the country for 3 million people. Many children are on waiting lists and never receive services.

On-Line Speech Therapy

All EIU graduate student clinicians provide a rotation of on-line speech therapy to children in Jamaica with EIU faculty supervisors who are licensed in Jamaica and IL. Some undergraduates may participate with independent study



Being able to provide online services in a country where options are very limited is more rewarding than anything I've ever done. Learning about another culture, having a hands-on opportunity with on-line therapy and also, just the personal connection and getting to know my client and her mother was incredible!

Speech Therapy Abroad

Each year, EIU undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to travel with EIU faculty to St. Ann's Bay Jamaica to provide evaluations and therapy at Mico CARE Centre.



This past week has been truly a life-changing experience that has taught me so many things about a new culture, and I was able to meet the most incredible kids, and work with the greatest people ever. Throughout the days we did therapy and evals at the school, I learned more than I ever could have imagined. Talking with the other American speech therapists that are working in Jamaica, I was able to learn about the endless options speech therapists have nationwide and internationally. The children were the greatest joy! Jamaica is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen, and I would absolutely love to go back one day if I am able. I made lifelong memories and amazing new friendships. Safe to say Jamaica stole a piece of my heart.

EIU Students and Faculty on the Therapy Abroad trip stay at an AirBnB in a gated community with a swimming pool and a caretaker, one block from the beach. They also have time to experience the beauty of Jamaica

