

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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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**

