

The Degree of MSc in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) (Communication Sciences and Disorders) [Graduate]

Program Requirements

Requirements for the course-based MSc-SLP include successful completion of a minimum of ★81 in courses, which includes ★3 in interprofessional course work, ★2 in electives, and ★27.5 in clinical practica. During clinical practica, students must accrue a minimum of 350 supervised clinical hours (300 direct contact). Students are also required to complete a research project equivalent to ★3 (CSD 900).

Requirements for the thesis-based MSc-SLP include all of the academic and clinical requirements outlined above for the course-based track. However, instead of the research project (CSD 900), thesis-based students complete a thesis and an additional one-credit practical course in methods of data analysis. Additional coursework in research design, statistics, or specialized content may be recommended by the supervisor and thesis committee.

The period of residency is three four-month terms (fall, winter, fall) and one spring/summer term of full-time attendance at the University of Alberta.

The prerequisite courses and program requirements for both course-based and thesis-based routes ensure that students meet standards required for membership/certification in provincial and national professional associations. Further information about prerequisite courses and the required program of study may be obtained from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders website www.csd.ualberta.ca.

Required Courses:

- [CSD 501 - Clinical Research Methods](#)
- [CSD 502 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism](#)
- [CSD 505 - Speech Science](#)
- [CSD 507 - Phonological Disorders](#)
- [CSD 509 - Motor Speech Disorders](#)
- [CSD 511 - Child Language Development and Assessment](#)
- [CSD 516 - Diagnosis and Appraisal of Communication Disorders](#)
- [CSD 517 - Hearing and Hearing Disorders](#)
- [CSD 518 - Remediation of Child Language Disorders](#)
- [CSD 520 - Adult Language Disorders I](#)
- [CSD 521 - Dysphagia](#)
- [CSD 523 - Augmentative/Alternative Communication Systems](#)
- [CSD 524 - Introduction to Clinical Practicum I](#)
- [CSD 525 - Introduction to Clinical Practicum II](#)
- [CSD 526 - Voice and Resonance Disorders](#)
- [CSD 527 - Language and Literacy](#)
- [CSD 528 - Fluency Disorders](#)

- [CSD 529 - Adult Language Disorders II](#)
- [CSD 532 - Advanced Clinical Practicum](#)
- [CSD 533 - Advanced Clinical Practicum](#)
- [CSD 540 - Advanced Clinical Practicum](#)
- [CSD 541 - Advanced Clinical Practicum](#)

Interprofessional coursework:

- [REHAB 501 - Introduction to Interprofessional Practice](#)
- [REHAB 502 - Indigenous Health - Interprofessional Practice](#)
- [REHAB 503 - Interprofessional Practice Elective](#) or equivalent

Elective Courses:

Approved elective course work totaling ★2 in [CSD 570](#) or equivalent completed prior to the MScSLP course-based program will not be considered for the ★2 elective requirement.

Course-based only:

- [CSD 900 - Directed Research Project](#)

Prior to registering for the Directed Research Study, students must have completed the interprofessional coursework and the required credits of approved electives.

Thesis-based only:

- Registration in 900-level THES
- an additional one-credit (★1) practical course in methods of data analysis

Length of Program

A minimum of two calendar years will normally be required to complete the program. Students in the thesis-based track will most likely require at least one additional term to complete the program. The time required to complete the program may be varied for individual candidates but cannot exceed the statutory limits of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research as set out in [Time Limit for Completion of Graduate Programs](#).
