

Speech-Language Pathology

College of Health and Human Services



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Reasons to choose our program...

The faculty and staff of **Western Michigan University's Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences** are committed to educating the next generation of speech-language pathologists through unique academic, research and clinical opportunities. The department was founded by Charles Van Riper, a pioneer in the field who helped ground our program in a legacy of mentoring and advocacy, particularly as related to stuttering. He helped establish one of the first clinics for the study and treatment of communication disorders.

Why WMU?

- On-site interprofessional [Charles Van Riper Language, Speech & Hearing Clinic](#)
- Beautiful College of Health & Human Services building equipped with state-of-the-art classroom and research laboratories
- Commitment to equity and anti-racism as evidenced through a holistic admissions process, exposure to a diverse range of communication modalities (e.g., ASL), and [faculty research interests](#)
- Faculty-mentored clinical and research opportunities



Funding

- All applicants will automatically be considered for available graduate assistantships
- All enrolled students will be invited to apply for [departmental scholarships](#)
- Approximately 20% of incoming students are typically offered some type of funding
- Financial aid may also be available; see wmich.edu/finaid



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Admission Requirements

- Completion of an undergraduate major in Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, or the [equivalent core course work](#); students who still need to complete core coursework in the field can apply to our [Undergraduate Certificate in Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences](#)
- At least one college-level course in each of the following areas is highly recommended and will be required prior to ASHA certification: biological sciences, physical sciences, social or behavioral sciences, and statistics
- 3 letters of recommendation from individuals able to comment on the applicant's academic and clinical potential
- Response to 2 open-ended questions related to career goals and ability to contribute to cultural-linguistic equity
- Submission of TOELF scores (if applicable for documenting English proficiency)

Admission Process

All applicants must submit through CSDCAS by the annual January 15 deadline. It can sometimes take CSDCAS up to two weeks to verify application materials; therefore, it is recommended that students submit materials at least two weeks before January 15.

Application materials will be automatically imported from CSDCAS to WMU's system for applicants who plan to enroll; only those incoming students will be charged the supplemental \$50 fee to process their application. The process of reviewing applications is extensive, and it may take several weeks before applicants hear a response (usually by mid-March).

Minimal Work Requirements for our In-house Clinic(s)

As an allied health science, personal health and wellbeing, public safety, and evidence-based practices are fundamental to our professional discipline and mission. Accordingly, our in-house clinic requires documentation of minimal work requirements prior to engaging in face-to-face clinical service provision. These requirements include, but are not limited to, vaccinations recommended by the Center for Disease Control for all healthcare workers.



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Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America's best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly \$52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan

The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.