

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)

Program Overview

This schedule planner outlines coursework that must be **completed or planned** before applying for graduate admission.

- You may **start in any semester** (summer recommended).
 - Courses are listed by **typical semester availability** and **delivery format**.
 - Some courses may be completed previously—mark those as “completed.”
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General Education Requirements

Complete these (or equivalent courses) before admission:

- **Statistics**
 - Basic, educational, or behavioral statistics
- **Biology**
 - Options include: human anatomy & physiology, neuroanatomy, genetics, or animal biology
- **Physical Science**
 - Physics or chemistry
- **Social/Behavioral Science**
 - Psychology, sociology, anthropology, or public health

Required Core Courses

Course	Credits	Topic	Typical Availability
CDIS 201	3	Observation of Human Communication	Online (Asynchronous – all semesters)
CDIS 220	3	Basic Audiology	Summer (Async), Spring (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 290	3	Introduction to Communication Disorders	Online (Asynchronous – all semesters)
CDIS 312	3	Speech & Language Development	Summer (Async), Fall (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 322	3	Speech & Hearing Science	Summer (Async), Fall (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 392	3	Phonetics	Summer & Fall (Online Synchronous)

Course	Credits	Topic	Typical Availability
CDIS 394	3	Applied Anatomy & Physiology	Summer (Async), Fall (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 421	3	Aural Rehabilitation	Spring (In-person or Sync)

Conditional Courses

These are required **only if you're admitted to the graduate program (Feb/March)**.

You may: Take them early before you know your admission status, or you may wait and complete them in the summer term before grad school begins.

Course	Credits	Topic	Availability
CDIS 444	3	Appraisal & Diagnosis	Summer (Sync), Fall (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 410	2	Neurological Bases of Speech	Summer (Async), Fall (In-person or Sync)
CDIS 434	3	Clinical Methods in SLP	Summer (Sync), Spring (In-person or Sync)

Course Delivery Formats

- **In-person:** Traditional classroom
- **Online (Asynchronous):** No scheduled meeting time
- **Online (Synchronous):** Live scheduled sessions
- **Hybrid:** Combination of online and in-person

Course offerings vary. Check the official schedule:

<https://secure2.mnsu.edu/courses/>

Applying to the Program

Apply through the undergraduate application system.

Key Steps:

1. Enter personal and education information
 - Be sure to indicate your **degree earned**
2. Select:
 - **Educational Intent:** *Earn occupational certificate/diploma*
3. Add Program:
 - Preferred delivery: **On Campus** (even if taking online classes)
 - Major: **Communication Disorders**

- Degree: **Bachelor of Science**

Note: “Bachelor of Science” is required by the system even though you are pursuing a certificate. You will still be coded correctly based on your answer to the “educational intent” question earlier in the application.

After Admission: Required Actions

1. Update Your Program (search the MSU website for “Major Button.”)

- Add: *Communication Sciences & Disorders (Post-Bacc Certificate)*
- Submit changes using the “Major Button” system

2. Request an Academic Advisor for the post-baccalaureate certificate program

- Phone: 507-389-1414
- Email: SHRS@mnsu.edu

Financial Aid

- Eligible for aid up to **36 credits** (if all courses taken through MSU)
- Courses taken elsewhere may **not qualify**
- Contact:

Campus Hub

- Location: 117 Centennial Student Union
- Phone: 507-389-1866
- Email: campushub@mnsu.edu

Additional Information

Out-of-State Students

- May be subject to non-resident tuition rates if you take all classes online in a given semester.

International Students

- Contact the **Kearney Center for International Student Services**

(for enrollment rules, online course limits, etc.)

Graduation from Certificate Program

After registering for your **final post-bacc courses**:

1. Apply for graduation online
2. Select:
 - Undergraduate
 - “Add new application” from the upper right side of the page
3. Choose your post-bacc certificate program (you may need to scroll down to see it).