

Pacific University CSD Post-Baccalaureate Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to take the entire program or can I take just a few courses?

You can take as few or as many of the courses as you like. The application process is the same. Your individual plan of study will be developed once you are admitted to the program.

Will I get a diploma at the end?

No. Our program covers a comprehensive body of pre-requisite material and provides you with a transcript record showing that you have taken the courses. That is all you will need to apply to graduate school.

How long does it take to complete the program?

It depends on when you start. Because not all the courses are offered every semester and because certain courses are pre-requisites for certain other courses, the shortest time period to completion is 2 semesters. BUT that only applies if you start in the fall semester. If you start in the spring or summer semester it will take at least 3 semesters. You may choose to take a slower approach as well. We will work with you to design a plan of study that will work for you.

Are courses offered in the summer?

Currently four courses (CSD 209, CSD 307, CSD 310, CSD 312) are offered in the summer (in online format only).

Can I get transfer credit for CSD courses I have taken elsewhere?

We don't look at "transfer credit" per se. This is largely because this is not a certificate or degree program. Your goal in this program is to show a transcript record of the courses and you will already have previous courses recorded on transcripts from the other institution. If you have taken courses that are equivalent to ours which happen to be pre-requisites for another of our courses, we will review the course you took previously and (if it truly is equivalent) we will waive the pre-requisite.

Will this set of courses be sufficient to apply to any SLP graduate program?

Although we cannot guarantee it, and we have NOT done a comprehensive review, we believe that it should be sufficient to prepare you to enter most graduate SLP programs in the United States. Every program in the United States will also require one course in each of: biological, physical (either chemistry or physics), and social sciences as well as one course in statistics. We do not offer those courses through this post-baccalaureate program.

Will the program cover all the coursework necessary for me to become an SLP-A (Speech-Language Pathology Assistant)?

No. Depending on particular state requirements, it will cover some (and perhaps most) of the coursework you'll need to qualify as an SLP-A but not all of it. Most SLP-A certification requirements include the need for courses specific to certain disorders and (other than a brief introduction to disorders in CSD 301) we assume that you will be learning about disorders in graduate school.

Does completing this program guarantee me a spot in Pacific's graduate program?

No, it does not. However, our Early Assurance pathway allows eligible students to apply early for Pacific's Master in speech-language pathology program, and if accepted, have an offer of admission in November of their final Fall semester. Regardless of eligibility, all students in the post-bac program are guaranteed an interview when they apply during the typical admissions cycle. Please note an interview does not guarantee admission.

What is the Early Assurance pathway?

The Early Assurance pathway allows students who meet specific requirements to apply for admissions to Pacific's Master in speech-language pathology **early** in the Fall of their final post-bac year. Students who choose to be considered for Early Assurance submit all application materials in October, are interviewed by graduate faculty, and if accepted are offered admission in November, up to 3 months earlier than the traditional graduate school admission timeline. Application requirements and interview process mirror those of the typical admissions cycle.

What academic calendar does the program follow?

The post-bac program follows the Pacific University, College of Arts and Sciences undergraduate calendar.

Can I get financial aid to complete the program?

Given that our program does not lead to a degree, financial aid is limited, but it may be available in your situation. For the most up to date information you should contact the Pacific University financial aid office:

<https://www.pacificu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/contact-financial-aid>

For the online courses, are there specific times when I will need to be available?

No. Our courses are designed to be "asynchronous". What that means is that they are based on recorded materials. The courses overall follow the Pacific University undergraduate semester schedule, so there are set starting and ending dates. There will also be deadlines for submitting assignments and taking exams. BUT as long as you meet the deadlines, there is flexibility as to when you actually do the work.

Some classes may include preset times when the instructor is available live to answer questions or facilitate discussions. These opportunities are designed to help you as a learner, but attendance is usually not required.

Will I need to set up observations in my local community for the Clinical Observation class (CSD 306)?

You certainly can if you choose, but it is not required. Like the other classes in the program, the class includes pre-recorded videos for you to watch on your own time.

How much time per week should I expect to have to spend on the classes?

For each course credit you are taking, a conservative estimate is that you should expect to spend 2-3 hours per week working on the material and studying / doing assignments. So for a 4 credit class you should expect to be spending 8-12 hours per week on the class.

Where can I find information on course textbooks?

Check out the Pacific University bookstore webpage:

<http://pacific.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/BNCBHomePage?storeId=45058&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

Are the Post-bac courses considered graduate or undergraduate courses?

They are considered undergraduate courses. They are mostly the same courses that regular Pacific undergraduates take as part of the CSD undergraduate minor.