

FAQs: CSD Majors after Acceptance

What do I do if I am unable to register for my planned CSD courses?

First, you should check your degree progress page to see if your intent to major has been removed. If you have been accepted into the major and this has not been removed, you should contact Dr. Richards at richa2sa@cmich.edu to have it removed. If you're still not able to register for your courses, you can contact the [Registrar's Office](#) for further assistance.

Can I retake CSD courses once I'm in the major?

The only CSD courses in the major that can be repeated are CSD 230, CSD 278, CSD 330, CSD 331, and CSD 335. To retake another course in the major, you can submit a written appeal to the department chair (Dr. Lehman - lehma1me@cmich.edu) if you believe you can cite extraordinary circumstances for your poor performance in a class. Your appeal should include a rationale for why an exception should be made allowing you to retake one of the major courses. Before submitting an appeal, it is recommended that you set up a time to meet with Dr. Lehman to discuss the situation.

Once admitted to the major, is it possible to complete the major courses in less than three semesters?

Yes, it is possible to complete the remaining major courses in two rather than three semesters. However, this is only a good option for students who have completed all or nearly all requirements for graduation except for their major courses, as taking four or five CSD courses at once could potentially harm a student's performance in these courses. To pursue this option, you should schedule a meeting with Dr. Richards by sending her an email (richa2sa@cmich.edu) or visiting her office hours sign-up page to make an appointment (<http://signup.com/go/eAzJWo>).

What is CSD 495?

CSD 495 - Clinical Experience - Communication Disorders is a course that allows students to carry out directed clinical practicum (i.e., act as a student clinician in the Carls Center). Students must have successfully completed CSD 494 or be in the process of completing it at the time of application for CSD 495. After acceptance, students will need to submit a copy of their signed technical standards that was signed after they were admitted to the major.

How do I apply for CSD 495?

Applications can be accessed through your Blackboard shell of your CSD courses, on the CSD major website, or by emailing Dr. Richards (richa2sa@cmich.edu). You should make an appointment with Dr. Richards prior to the submission deadline in order to review your GPA, progress toward meeting graduation requirements, and a plan of action if you are not accepted into CSD 495. You will also need to

jointly sign the application. To complete your application, the following must be submitted to the box posted outside of HP 2161 or emailed to Theresa Jones (jones1tm@cmich.edu):

- Application for Enrollment in SLP Clinical Practicum-CSD 495
- A current, unofficial transcript (access by logging into www.cmich.edu, clicking on “My Account”, and then clicking on “View my Academic History”)
- A 500-word essay responding to the prompt on the application

What is concurrent status?

Concurrent status allows students to take a graduate course while finishing their bachelor's degree. Thus, you can complete a graduate-level course while completing your CSD Major. For students wishing to pursue a graduate degree in speech-language pathology, either SLP 735 (Alternative and Augmentative Communication), SLP 739 (Stuttering), CSD 512 (Literacy), or CSD 537 (Special Topics) is recommended while enrolled with concurrent status. Keep in mind that these aren't offered every semester and you must be in your final semester of undergrad in order to have concurrent status. This means you must enroll in a course that is being offered in your final semester.

To be eligible for Concurrent Status, you:

- Must be in you last semester of undergraduate enrollment
- Must have 12 or fewer undergraduate credits to take
- Must have an acceptable undergraduate grade point average
- Cannot take more than 15 credits total (undergraduate or graduate)

In order to enroll with Concurrent Status, you must complete the Concurrent Acknowledgement and Approval Form, which can be found at <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/cgs/current/Pages/Forms.aspx>. Dr. Richards will need to sign off on your application and then you will need to submit it to the Registrar's Office (see directions on form). Once it's approved, you will apply to CMU as a non-degree seeking student (even though you already attend the university) and upload the approved Concurrent Acknowledgement and Approval Form with your non-degree seeking student application. While visiting <https://fireup.cmich.edu/apply/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Start My Application Now!” This takes you to an application page, in which you should select option that states, “I am only interested in enrolling at CMU in order to take a few courses. I am not interested in pursuing a degree program.” Choosing any other option will not allow you to enroll properly.

Is a graduate class taken with concurrent status charged at the undergraduate or graduate credit hour rate?

Graduate courses taken with concurrent status count as graduate credit and are billed at the undergraduate credit hour rate.

How do I pick classes to fill my schedule?

If there is still room in your schedule and you would like to add additional classes, it really doesn't matter what courses you take to complete your degree. However, many students are interested in taking classes that are in a field related to Communication Sciences and Disorders. A few options include reviewing the

courses offered for students majoring or minoring in Child Development, American Sign Language, Psychology, Nutrition, or Gerontology. Further suggestions are available in the “FAQs: Courses Related to CSD” advising document.

How to find an Honors project advisor?

If you are an Honors student at CMU, you must complete an Honors Capstone project. To try to find an advisor whose research interests match your own, you can view [faculty profiles](#) (select either Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology as the program, depending on your area of interest) and/or view previous [undergraduate student research projects](#). If you need further help, you can contact Dr. Stephanie Richards (richa2sa@cmich.edu).

Can I observe speech-language sessions in the clinic?

Some CSD classes (e.g., CSD 338 and CSD 494) will have class assignments that will require students to observe in the clinic. For these courses, students will have to complete HIPAA training to be able to engage in clinic observations. Unfortunately, students are unable to observe speech-language sessions unless it is required by one of these courses due to HIPAA Laws and Carls Center Clinic Policy.

Can I observe audiology sessions in the clinic?

In CSD 331, there is an opportunity to observe audiology sessions in the clinic following HIPAA training. If students are interested in doing further audiology observations, they should contact Dr. Shannon Palmer (palme2sb@cmich.edu) for more information. Dr. Palmer is able to schedule additional audiology observations for students if they have completed HIPAA training.

What do I do with my observation sheets after 494?

It is highly recommended that students create a copy of their observation and hour sheets (either in print or digital form) for their own reference. They may be needed to demonstrate clinical experiences for graduate programs in the future.

Am I able to switch my degree type (B.A.A. or B.S.)?

It is possible to change from a Bachelor’s of Applied Arts (B.A.A.) to a Bachelor’s of Science (B.S.) (or vice versa), if you so choose. Contact Dr. Stephanie Richards (richa2sa@cmich.edu) or make an appointment with a [CHP advisor](#). One of them will be able to assist you in making the change.

Are there any scholarship opportunities available?

There are a number of different scholarship opportunities available through the department and college. A list and description of each can be found here:

<https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/CHP/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

If I am a senior graduating in May, am I still eligible for any of the scholarships?

You would not be eligible for any of the undergraduate scholarships, but you would be eligible for a graduate scholarship if you were accepted into a graduate program at CMU. The SLP graduate program usually sends out notification of acceptance during the first week or two of March, so you would know whether or not you were accepted into the program before the scholarship applications are due at the beginning of April.

Are there options for funding from the department?

Funding opportunities are available from the department for studying abroad, professional development (e.g., conference attendance), and student research. For each of these purposes, there are designated application forms. Contact the following faculty members for further information:

- Study Abroad: Dr. Natalie Douglas, natalie.douglas@cmich.edu
- Professional Development: Dr. Stephanie Richards, richa2sa@cmich.edu
- Student Research: Your research advisor

Are there study abroad opportunities available related to communication disorders?

Yes! Via the CMU Study Abroad program search, you can view the current offerings related to communication disorders. Follow the link below and under the Parameter search field towards the bottom of the page, select “Communication Disorders” in the subject box.

<https://cmich.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch>

Contact the Study Abroad office by email (studyabr@cmich.edu) or phone (989-774-4308) if you have any questions. You can also talk to Dr. Natalie Douglas (natalie.douglas@cmich.edu), as she is the designated study abroad coordinator for the CSD department. MSU also offers a study abroad opportunity in the United Kingdom related to CSD every summer. That information is usually shared in CSD courses during the fall semester each year. If you choose to participate in a study abroad opportunity, that opportunity can also be used to fulfill your University Program IV-B requirement.

Am I able to study abroad while completing my major?

Absolutely! There are several study abroad programs available during the summer months that will not interfere with fall/spring courses. One option is the MSU study abroad program (mentioned above). You may also choose to study abroad for a semester (fall or spring), in which case you can resume your CSD courses when you return.