

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to apply to the program?

Minimum 3.0 G.P.A. overall and in the major

Competitive Scores on the GRE

A mean score from the pool of applicants is used as the competitive score. This score has ranged from 830 to 960 for the analytical portions of the test and 4.0 for the writing portion over the last 4 years.

3 letters of recommendations with at least two from your program faculty

Forms to use for your letters of recommendation may be downloaded from the programs website at

<http://www.siu.edu/education/sectd/graduate/slp.shtml#admiss>. You should use these forms when submitting letters of recommendation.

Where do I get an application?

Students may apply on-line or download an application from the graduate school website at <http://www.siu.edu/graduate/apply/index.shtml>. This application, application fee and transcripts need to be sent to the Office of Admissions; SIUE; Campus Box 1047; Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047.

Does the program have its own application?

No. The program requires 3 letters of recommendation and GRE scores be sent directly to: SPPA program; SIUE; Campus Box 1147; Edwardsville, IL 62026-1147.

What is the Application deadline?

The application deadline is February 1 for admission to the program the following fall.

How many credit hours is the program?

The program has 36 academic credit hours and about 21 to 24 credit hours of practicum.

How many semesters is the program?

The program is a minimum of 5 semesters. This includes at least one summer session.

When does the program admit students?

The program admits students once/year for fall semester. Students may opt to begin their program the summer after they have completed their undergraduate degree. Many students choose to do this making their program 6 semesters instead of 5. The additional summer session does make entry into the program an easier.

How many students are admitted each year?

The program admits from 25 to 30 students each year.

How many applications do you receive?

The program receives about 90 to 120 applications each year.

Do you accept students from other program?

Absolutely!

Can I get a tour of the facility?

Absolutely! We have a wonderful facility. The Speech, Language and Hearing Center houses 8 therapy rooms with one large therapy room for Aphasia groups. All of the therapy rooms are equipped with audio-visual capabilities so that you may observe any session at any time from the observation suite. Clinical supervisors are always available to answer your questions or provide instruction. The program also has a speech science lab equipped with a CSL unit, nasometer, *VisiPitch* and speech synthesizer. The Instructional Material Center (IMC) houses hundreds of materials for intervention and assessment. It also provides a spot for students to prepare for class and clinic. The IMC has seven computers with wireless connection to the internet and printers that are for students' use. In addition, a copier, laminator, die-cut machine, and video carrels are all available to students. The program's classroom is equipped with SMART technology as is the IMC. The program also has availability to an Assistive Technology and AAC Classroom/Lab. This space is equipped with state of the art technology from speaking pens to *Liberators*. It is also a SMART technology classroom.

You can arrange a tour by contacting the program director at 618-650-5423 and making an appointment.

What are the practicum requirements?

Students must complete at least 3 semesters in the SIUE Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic. This includes a diagnostic practicum and an audiology practicum as well as working with children and adults in the Clinic. The second year of your graduate program, students are assigned off-campus practicums in educational and medical settings. Students must complete at least one semester of off-campus practicum with child populations and at least one semester off-campus with adult populations.

Can I do more than one practicum in a medical or educational setting?

Absolutely! SIUE has hundreds of agreements with educational and medical settings in Illinois and the neighboring metropolitan area. For example, a student might want to complete a child practicum off-campus in both a medical and an educational setting. Or you might want to complete an adult practicum in a hospital and in a nursing home or rehabilitation center.

Where can I complete my off-campus practicum requirements?

The program has hundreds of agreements with educational and medical facilities within 50 miles of the university in Illinois and Missouri. In fact, some of these settings are internationally known and all offer quality experiences. The program generally likes to assign students within 30 to 35 miles of the university. However, students have been placed in other states and distances from the university because of extenuating personal circumstances.

Do I have to find my own practicum sites?

NO! The program has many agreements and will find a site for your off-campus experiences to meet your needs as much as possible. We ask only that students give us an idea of the type of experience they are hoping to receive and a general location where they would like to be placed. We are happy to advise students about our many off-campus practicum experiences that the program offers.

Is the program accredited?

Yes! The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association until 1211. At that time the program will need to apply for re-accreditation.

What type of credentials do graduates receive?

Students who graduate from our program are eligible for a type 73 certificate to work in the public schools in Illinois, an Illinois License, and ASHA certification. We have many students who reside in Missouri and intend to work in Missouri. Students may apply for a Missouri license and be eligible to work in schools and medical settings in Missouri.

Does the program offer graduate assistantships?

Yes. The program offers 4 graduate assistantships with Head Start in St. Clair County, IL. These assistantships are clinical. Students provide assessment and intervention with preschool children who are enrolled in the Head Start program. These assistantships require 10 hours of work /week. Applications can be downloaded from the program website at <http://www.siu.edu/education/secd/graduate/slp.shtml>. The application deadline is June 1 for the following fall.

The Department offers 8 assistantships. These graduate assistantships assist faculty with their teaching and research responsibilities. You may receive an application for these assistantships by contacting the Department office at 618-650-5423 and asking for an application. The deadline for these assistantships is April 15 for the following fall.

Students may find other assistantship opportunities by contacting individual units on campus such as the Student Service Center, the Bursar's Office, Faculty

Technology Center, the Library, Housing, other individual departments such as Curriculum and Instruction, and the School of Education.

Specific information regarding graduate assistantships may be found on the Graduate School website at <http://www.siu.edu/graduate/assistantships.shtml>.

What is tuition?

Tuition information may be found on the Graduate School website <http://www.siu.edu/graduate/>. Missouri residents pay the same rate as an Illinois resident on the first 6 hours of tuition.

Please feel free to contact the program director with any additional questions you may have. Contact information for the program director may be found on the program's website <http://www.siu.edu/education/secd/graduate/slp.shtml>.