

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to apply to the program?

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

However, achieving these minimum G.P.A. requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. For example, the cumulative and major G.P.A.s of applicants who have been accepted over the past two years have ranged from 3.35 – 4.0 and 3.36 – 4.0, respectively with an average of 3.7 (cumulative) and 3.85 (major).

Graduate Record Exam

The GRE scores of applicants who have been accepted over the past two years have ranged from 690 to 1200 for the analytical portion of the test and 3.5-5.0 for the writing portion. The average GRE scores during this time has been 965 and 4.0 for the analytical and writing portions, respectively.

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/pdf/RecommendationForm_6_11.pdf You should use these forms when submitting letters of recommendation. You should not submit more than 3 letters of recommendation.

Resume

The resume should be no more than two pages and is an opportunity to provide the review committee with information about your experiences and accomplishments.

Transcripts

You need to provide official transcripts from all previous universities/colleges attended. If currently enrolled, you need to provide an official transcript with your fall grades posted before your application will be considered complete.

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/graduatestudents/apply/index.shtml>. This application, application fee and transcripts need to be sent to Graduate Admissions; SIUE; Campus Box 1047; Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047.

Does the program have its own application?

No. The program requires: the application, transcripts, 3 letters of recommendation, GRE scores, and resume be sent directly to: Office of Graduate Admissions, Box 1047, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047.

What is the Application deadline?

The application deadline is January 15th for admission to the program the following fall.

How many credit hours is the program?

The program has 36 academic credit hours and 21 - 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. Students are highly encouraged to begin the first 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 somewhat easier.

When does the program admit students?

The program admits students once/year for fall semester.

How many students are admitted each year?

The program admits approximately 30 students each year.

How many applications do you receive?

The program receives 170-200 applications each year.

Do you accept students from other programs?

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 groups. All of the therapy rooms are equipped with audio-visual capabilities so that you may observe any session at any time. Clinical supervisors are always available to answer your questions or provide instruction. The program also has a 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 place for students to prepare for classes and clinic. The IMC has seven computers with wireless access 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.

You can arrange a tour by contacting the department 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 Center. Additionally, students complete a diagnostic practicum and a course in Clinical Procedures for Individuals with Hearing Disorders located in the Audiology Clinic. During the second year of the graduate program, students are assigned off-campus practicums in educational and medical settings. Students must complete at least one semester of off-campus practicum in an educational setting and at least one semester off-campus practicum 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 St. Louis, MO. 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 prefers to assign students within 30 to 35 miles of the university. However, students can be placed in other states and distances from the university because.

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.

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 to 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.siue.edu/education/secd/resource/pdf/headstartap2010.pdf>. The application deadline is April 1 for the following fall.

The Department offers several assistantships as well. These graduate assistantships assist faculty with their teaching and research responsibilities. You may download an application at http://www.siue.edu/education/secd/resource/pdf/GA_SECD.pdf. The deadline for these assistantships is April 1 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.

Further information regarding graduate assistantships may be found on the Graduate School website at <http://www.siue.edu/graduatestudents/assistantships.shtml>. or the Department website at <http://www.siue.edu/education/secd/graduate/speech-path-audio-grad-assistantships.shtml>.

What is tuition?

Tuition information may be found on the University website <http://www.siue.edu/apply/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.siue.edu/education/secd/index.shtml>.