

Communication Disorders Student Outcome Data

Employment Rates of Graduates Within One Year of Graduation

Employment rates of the program's graduates are high. During the past three academic years (2018-2019 through 2020-2021), 100 percent of our graduates were employed in the profession of speech-language pathology within one year of graduation. In fact, many graduate students find employment within the profession prior to graduation. Note: One-year post graduation some of the students employed are completing the CF year.

Academic Year	Number of Graduates (#)	Percent of Graduates (%)
2020 - 2021	25	100
2019 - 2020	38	100
2018 - 2019	32	100
Three-Year Average		100%

Praxis Examination Pass Rates of Graduates

Requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) and the State of Illinois license in speech-language pathology include successful completion of the Praxis national examination in speech-language pathology. The pass rates for our students are very high. During the past three academic years (2018-2019 through 2020-2021), the program's average pass rate was 96 percent (96%). This pass rate exceeds the national pass rate for the examination.

Academic Year	Number of Students Taking the Examination	Number of Students Passed (#)	Pass Rate (%)
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2020 - 2021	18	17	94
2019 - 2020	16	16	100
2018 - 2019	38	36	94
Three-Year Average			96

Program Completion Rates

Program completion rates are very high. The graduate program in Communication Disorders has one of the highest retention rates in the university. The program occasionally will have graduate students who do not complete the program for a variety of reasons (academic and non-academic). The percentage of graduate students who were admitted to the program during a particular academic year and who completed the graduate program on time averaged 93.2% for the past three academic years.

Academic Year	Number (#) Completed Program Within Expected Time Frame	Number (#) Completed Program Later Than Expected Time Frame	Number (#) Not Completing	Percentage (%) Completing Within Expected Time Frame
2020 - 2021	21	4	2	84
2019 - 2020	35	3	0	92.1
2018- 2019	30	2	0	93.7

Three-Year Average				89
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NOTE:

The above data represent the number of students who graduated in a specified academic year and the proportion of them who graduated within five years of entering the program. On average, part-time students take six graduate credit hours (i.e., two academic courses) per term and complete the program in about three years (i.e., 9 terms). Full-time students take nine graduate credits (i.e., three academic courses) per term and complete the program in about 2-1/3rd years (i.e., 7 terms). It is difficult to group students within cohorts because students can attend either full-time or part-time. In addition, there is considerable variability regarding the timeframe for each student's program. There is a program expectation, however, that all students will complete degree requirements within five years of admission.