

## CILNT Frequently Asked Questions:

This document will provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the CILNT program.

For FAQs specific to the Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program, please visit:

<https://www.etsu.edu/crhs/aslp/speechpathology/faq.php#answer-4-1>.

Please note: you must have applied and been accepted in the ETSU School of Graduate Studies before applying for the CILNT program. For information about applying to ETSU please visit:

<https://www.etsu.edu/gradschool/applynow.php>.

If you are still unable to find the answer to your question, please contact Dr. Pamela Mims ([mimspj@etsu.edu](mailto:mimspj@etsu.edu)). Thank you!

### Questions:

Q: When are applications for the CILNT program due?

A: Applications for Fall 2020 for SPED are due May 15, 2020. Applications for Fall 2020 for SLP were due Feb. 1, 2020.

Q: What materials do I need to include with my CILNT application?

A: You will need to include: 2 letters of recommendation, a curriculum vitae/resume, and a personal statement (see next question for more information). Please note: you must have all materials available to upload before beginning the application, as you will be unable to save progress once beginning the application.

Q: What do I need to include in the personal statement?

A: The Personal Statement should be one page only, approximately 250 words total. Please follow APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition guidelines for format (i.e., 12 pt. font, Time New Roman, Double Spaced, One Inch Margins). Please respond to the following prompts:

1. Provide a description of your experience in working with individuals with disabilities.
2. Provide a description of your future goals as a special education teacher or speech-language pathologist and how your goals relate to serving students with high intensity support needs (SwHISN; e.g., multiple disabilities, significant cognitive disabilities, significant physical disabilities, significant autism, significant sensory disabilities) in schools.

Q: Where is the application to CILNT?

A: The CILNT application is an online, dynamic form. The link to the form can be found on the CILNT webpage in the center of the page (<https://www.etsu.edu/coe/efse/sped/cilnt.php>).

Q: Do you accept applications for the spring semester?

A: No. Since this program operates on a cohort model, applicants must begin in the fall. However, if you are not ready to apply for Fall 2020, we will have another cohort beginning in Fall 2021.

Q: I am interested in the special education program, and I do not currently have a teaching license. I see there are three concentrations to choose from under the M.Ed. in Special Education degree. Which concentration should I select?

A: In order to be eligible for CILNT funding, you will need to select the Low Incidence Concentration. Please view the catalog for more information  
[https://catalog.etsu.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11913&returnto=1488](https://catalog.etsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11913&returnto=1488).

Q: I am interested in the special education program, but I already have a teaching license. Am I eligible for the CILNT program?

A: Yes! However, if you do not need an initial teaching license, you will need to select the Special Education, M.Ed. (Advanced Studies in Special Education Concentration) program. Within the Advanced Studies Concentration, you will need to select Low Incidence as your area of emphasis. Please view the catalog for more information  
[https://catalog.etsu.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11854&returnto=1488](https://catalog.etsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11854&returnto=1488).

Q: I am currently employed full time as a teacher, but I am interested in completing a master's degree in special education. Is it possible to participate in the CILNT program while teaching full time?

A: Yes. Our program can be completed while teaching full time.

Q: How does the funding for CILNT work? Do I need to pay my tuition up front? What expenses are included?

A: The program will provide tuition reimbursement as well as funds to cover fees, books, and travel.

Q: How many years of service will I owe after I successfully complete the CILNT program?

A: For every year you receive tuition reimbursement; you will commit to working in the field after graduation for a period of two years for every year of funding received by serving students with high intensity support needs. For example, if you complete your degree in two years, you will need to work four years serving students with high intensity support needs.

Q: What happens if I am unable to complete my service obligation?

A: You will be responsible for paying back funds received.

Q: When will I learn if I am accepted into the CILNT program?

A: Applicants will be notified of their status by the end of May.