Frequently Asked Questions

RE: Post-baccalaureate Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)

1. What is the objective and benefit of the post-baccalaureate program in communication sciences and disorders (CSD)? What are the benefits?
   - This program is meant for individuals with a bachelor degree in a major other than communication sciences to complete 12 CSD prerequisites and 1 statistics in order to be qualified for graduate school application.
   - Students in the CSD postbac program will be able to enroll in classes like other undergraduate students, participate in all student clubs and activities, and apply to scholarships and awards provided by both the department and university, as well as at the state and national professional organizations, California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA) and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
   - The CSD postbac students will pay similar tuition and fees as that of graduate students.
   - You will have the opportunities to work with faculty on their research projects who may most likely be a valuable supporter and mentor for your graduate application and future career.
   - Still, please know that his program will not allow students to enroll in any graduate level courses; It is als not contingent with graduate school admission and provides neither certification, nor credentials.

2. Are the 12 CSD prerequisites taken at CSUF accepted for other CSD programs?
   - Yes. We are one of the programs that provide the most comprehensive undergraduate courses.

3. What if I don’t get into the postbac program, can I still enroll in CSD classes?
   - YES. You may enroll in CSD classes through Open University.
   - Classes offered by the Open University are based on seat-availability and more costly.
4. **How long is the program?**
   - It takes 3 to 4 semesters to complete 12 CSD prerequisites and 1 statistics. Over the years, only a handful of students rushed to complete in three semesters.
   - Due to competition of the graduate application, meeting basic requirements will not be enough. Therefore, postbac students are encouraged to avail the opportunities provided to build a strong graduate application.

5. **When is the application deadline?**
   *We only have fall admission, with a deadline of January 15th (11:59pm, PST)*

6. **What are the application requirements?**
   *You will need passing CBEST scores in all three areas (Math, Verbal, & Writing), a GPA of 3.0 or above based on the last 60 college units, and the corresponding transcripts.*
   Send your transcripts to
   California State University, Fullerton
   Office of Admissions
   P.O. Box 6900, Fullerton, CA 92834
   Fax#: (657) 278-7699
   Email: admissions@fullerton.edu

7. **What is the procedure for application?**
   *You will complete CSU APPLY with your passing CBEST scores submitted to CSU Apply.*

8. **Can CBEST be substituted by other test scores, such as GRE or else?**
   *The CBEST cannot be replaced by GRE. However, it may be waived if you have taken other basic skills tests similar to CBEST, click the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the guidelines.*

9. **What is the admission procedure and timeline?**
   Please refer to the Application Process Timeline for postbac

10. **What if I cannot attend the school in fall semester after being admitted?**
    *You must register for the 1st semester, or you will need to re-apply for the next academic year. After that, you may request a leave of absence by filling out a form and submitting it to the Graduate Studies Office (CP 950; 657-278-2618).*

Questions regarding your transcripts and CSU APPLY?
You will contact Admissions and Records Office at admissions@fullerton.edu; phone: (657) 278-3100