

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the procedure for applying for the next admission cycle (Fall semester only)?
2. About CSDCAS
  - a. What is CSDCAS?
  - b. Why CSDCAS? and What it does?
  - c. Is there application fee involved utilizing CSDCAS services?
  - d. If I have questions about CSDCAS, who do I contact?
3. When is the deadline to apply for the current admission semester?
4. Is the required "statement of purpose" from the CSU Mentor application the same as the essay question that is required on the CD application?
5. Are GRE or CBEST scores required to be submitted for the graduate program application?
6. Can I send materials or documents for my application directly to the department or deliver them in person?
7. If I do not have a background in CD or have been out of school for more than two years, who can I have write my letters of recommendation?
8. Does the admission committee review applications in the order of which they were received and/or do they accept applicants on a rolling admission basis?
9. Can references be submitted electronically?
10. About GPA -
  - a. Do I need to compute and submit my GPA?
  - b. How my GPA will be computed for graduate application consideration?
  - c. Whom do I send my official transcripts to?

### **What is the procedure for applying for the next fall admission year?**

*For information on applying to our graduate program for the next fall admission year, please carefully review the instructions on the Communicative Disorders (CD) Website (<http://communications.fullerton.edu/hcom/hcom-cd-ma.php>).*

### **About CSDCAS –**

#### **What is CSDAS?**

*The Communication Science and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS, <http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas/>) is administered by an independent third party provider and is not associated with the California State University or the CSU Mentor application system.*

#### **Why CSDCAS? What it does?**

*The CSDCAS application will allow you to submit required materials to be reviewed and evaluated by the CD graduate committee. You will only need to do one time submission of application materials, your files are then accessible to other participated ASHA accredited CD programs of your own choice. In other words, CSDCAS enables applicants to conveniently apply to multiple institutions.*

**Is there application fee involved utilizing CSDCAS?**

*Yes. The CSDCAS is a fee-based service. To use their services, it requires you to pay a separate application fee. There is a fee waiver program available for those who meet the incoming level. Refer to CSDCAS (<http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas/>) website for the details.*

**If I have questions about CSDCAS, who do I contact?**

*You will first carefully review **CSDCAS FAQs***

*(<https://portal.csdcas.org/csdcasHelpPages/instructions-and-faq/>), and then contact the CSDCAS (<http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas/>).*

*CSDCAS Customer Service (available Monday thru Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM EST):  
Phone – (617) 612-2030; E-Mail –[csdcasinio@csdcas.org](mailto:csdcasinio@csdcas.org)*

[top](#)

**When is the deadline to apply for the current admission semester?**

*The application deadline is **February 1 (5:00pm, PST)** for the following Fall semester of each academic year. Please visit the [Admissions](#) page for application instructions.*

[top](#)

**I am applying to the MA program through CSDCAS, but have not completed or submitted my application yet. Can I begin the process of having the required documents sent to CSDCAS?**

*As long as you have initiated the application process through [CSDCAS](#), you can begin requesting to have the required documents sent to [CSDCAS](#) so that they will be received by the deadline of **Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** of the admission year.*

[top](#)

**Is the required "statement of purpose" from the CSU Mentor application the same as the essay question that is required on the CSDCAS application?**

*The "statement of purpose" from the [CSU Mentor](http://www.csumentor.edu/AboutMentor/) application does NOT apply to Communicative Disorders applicants. Instead, you will only need to submit response to that is required for the [CSDCAS](#) essay question.*

[top](#)

**In the past, a letter of intent, GPA calculator, and three letters of recommendation were required documents of the departmental graduate application packet. Will applicants be required to submit these through the CSDCAS application process?**

*From now on, all these documents will be submitted directly only to [CSDCAS](#). No hard copy of application materials will be accepted at CSUF-Dept. of Communication Studies.*

[top](#)

**Are GRE, CBEST, or any other scores required to be submitted for the graduate program application?**

*Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and California Basic Education Skills Tests (CBEST) scores are NOT required for applying to the MA graduate program at CSUF. **However, it is required for those who apply to our post-baccalaureate program** at the time application. Also, if you plan to pursue a credential program along with your M.A. program, a proof of passing CBEST is required before beginning the program. **The CBEST cannot be replaced by GRE. However, it may be waived if you have taken other basic skills test similar to CBEST, click the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/>) for the guidelines.***

[top](#)

**Can I send materials or documents for my application directly to the department or deliver them in person?**

*With the exception of your CBEST scores, application materials will not be accepted in the department office. All materials must be sent directly to CSDCAS for processing. Any documents that are received in the department office will be discarded and will not be submitted for review. In CSDCAS system, you will be asked to enter your pass/fail CBEST results. However, upon admitted to the program, a hard copy of your CBEST must be mailed to Dr. Tsao at the following address: **Department of Human Communication Studies, CP 420-01, 800 N. State College, P. O. Box 6868, Fullerton, CA 92834.***

[top](#)

**If I do not have a background in Communication Disorders or have been out of school for more than two years, who can I have write my letters of recommendation?**

*If you do not have an undergraduate degree in CD, please make every effort to obtain letters from faculty or lecturer who you took CD classes with, and/or former professors who are familiar with your academic work. Letters from supervisors or co-workers are acceptable and should address your potential for success as a graduate student, especially if you have been out of school for more than two years. If you have volunteered with an SLP or other related field (e.g., doctor's office, physical therapy, special education classroom, etc.), one of your letters may be from the SLP or other supervisor; yet, two other letters must be from CD faculty or adjunct faculty.*

[top](#)

**Does the admission committee review applications in the order of which they were received and/or do they accept applicants on a rolling admission basis?**

*The admission committee does not admit applicants on a rolling basis. Following the submission deadline, all applications are reviewed at the same time, regardless of when you completed or submitted your application.*

[top](#)

**Once I have completed and submitted my application through CSDCAS, when can I expect to hear a response as to whether or not I have been accepted into the graduate program?**

*If you are admitted, you will first be contacted by phone toward the end of March, and throughout April of the admission year, and then receive an email confirmation. Due to a high volume of applications, only those who are admitted will be noticed.*

*A decision letter will be sent to you only when CSUF Admissions and Records (As&Rs)Office has completed their process of your application, and forwarded it to the Department for review. In case that you have not received this decision letter by May, you will need to contact As&Rs office, as I am not involved in that process.*

[top](#)

**Can references be submitted electronically?**

*Yes. Indeed, all references must be submitted electronically through CSDCAS. A hard copy of reference will no longer be accepted. Please follow the instructions for submitting your references by logging into your CSDCAS account.*

## **About GPA -**

### **Do I need to compute and submit my GPA?**

*No. All you need to do is follow instructions given by CSDCAS to enter all of your courses information (course title, units, and grade).*

### **How my GPA will be computed for graduate application consideration?**

*In addition to all CD courses, up to two sign language classes (only if taken; this is not required) will be computed automatically by CSDCAS system.*

### **Whom do I send my official transcripts to?**

*You are required to submit a set of official college level transcripts only to CSDCAS (**CSDCAS Application Center P.O. Box 9113, Watertown, MA 02471**). Accordingly, the CSUF Admissions and Records office will decide your admissibility to the university, and CSDCAS will verify the grade entered for each of your course and compute your GPA to be reviewed by the graduate committee.*