

## Dear CSD graduate applicants:

Thank you for applying to CSUF, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders master's program. As of April 15, 2022, we have completed our admission process, and thirty applicants have accepted our admission offers. The review of your application was done based on the materials that you submitted to the CSDCAS.

For this review cycle, we received 506 applications. Many of you had a wonderful application; unfortunately, we have simply reached our program size limit. The decision has been tough and was made based on three graduate committee members' independent and careful reviews of your files, as well as the inputs of all our CSD faculty. Based on 207 applications with a GPA of 3.7 and above, the **acceptance rate** is 14.4%; and it is 7.9% based on 377 completed applications.

Your application may have been denied due to one or more of the following reasons:

- 1. Competitive GPA.** For this review cycle, of 506 completed applications, 40.9% of them were with a CSD- GPA of 3.7 and above. The average GPA of our admitted graduate students was 3.87. For the past 20 years, this average GPA has ranged between 3.81 to 3.95. The GPA was computed based on only the CSD courses.
- 2. Competitive work experience.** Many of you came with ample clinical, fieldwork, and/or research experience relevant to the field of Speech-Language Pathology, and some simply stand out from the crowd with very extraordinary experiences.
- 3. Insufficient CSD prerequisites.** As indicated in admission requirements (posted on our CSD Website and in the Department's automatic reply to CSU APPLY online application), you must have completed at least eight CSD prerequisites (with a grade in hand as of January 15th) and one statistics, which will complete 12 CSDs by summer of 2022; of these 12, nine of them are equivalent to CSUF's CD prerequisites.
- 4. Incomplete application/Inadmissibility.** You must have applied to both CSDCAS and CSU APPLY. On the CSDCAS portal, one or more of the following required supporting materials were missing or unmet: (a) A letter of intent (also known as 'personal statement'), (b) three letters of recommendation (2 from CSD instructors and 1 from a supervisor in the field), (c) both your CSU APPLY and CSDCAS applications must have "completed" by the deadline.
- 5. Late submission.** The deadline of **January 15<sup>st</sup>** was posted in both the *department response to the CSU APPLY application* and the *announcement posted on CSD Website*. Applications posted at either CSDCAS or CSU APPLY after the deadline were not considered.
- 6. Inaccurate application.** Occasionally, one or two students may have applied to the wrong major or wrong program (e.g., post-baccalaureate 'credential-only') or failed to follow the web instructions for application. All these requirements and instructions were posted on the CSD website.
- 7. Lack of a strong personal statement.** Your personal statements failed to speak to your uniqueness and/or highlight the outstanding qualifications you may have.
- 8. Lack of strong letters of support.** You either did not have two letters from CSD instructors or 1 from the field supervisor, or your letters of recommendation failed to provide strong support for your application.

- 9. Insufficient extracurricular activities.** You either had none/little clinical or work experience related to healthcare/education; hardly participated in extracurricular activities or community volunteering work.
- 10. Program size limit.** You may have submitted all required materials on time, met the required minimum criteria, completed online registration through CSU APPLY, and had strong letters of recommendation; and was indeed a wonderful candidate we would like to have. Unfortunately, due to high competition and the fact that our program size has reached its yearly limit, your application was unfortunately not accepted.

If you remain interested in our CSD master's program for the next admission cycle, you are **strongly advised to check CSU APPLY and CSD Website in September for updates.** The registration will be reopened in October. There may be some changes in our application requirements. For example, **beginning in 2023, you will need to submit official transcripts to both CSDCAS and CSUF Admissions Office.**

It is your responsibility to closely follow the instructions to assure that you will (a) meet the posted requirements at both the University and Department levels, (b) apply to **both CSDCAS and CSU APPLY with your official transcripts**, and (c) **submit all required supporting materials to only CSDCAS.** Lastly, you will check back to our CSD website when the new application period becomes available in October.

**Good luck and best wishes to you all!**

Sincerely,

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