Admission Requirements

1. Minimum requirements for entrance into the master’s degree program include a bachelor’s degree in CSD (also known as Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology or Speech-Language Pathology, or Speech and Hearing Sciences). Students with backgrounds in other ﬁelds of study must complete 36 units (or 12 CSD courses including the 9 equivalent courses of ours) of undergraduate preparation and one 3-unit stand-alone statistics course before applying to the graduate program.

**To qualify for applying to our Master’s degree program, you must have completed at least 8 of any 12 CSD courses with a grade at hand by January 15th at 8:59 pm PST (or 11:59 p.m. EST). *It is understood that applicants may be completing the last four of the courses and the standalone statistics class at the time of application; however, their acceptance is contingent on conﬁrmation of a B.A. or B.S. degree in the major or successful completion of one statistics course and 12 CSD courses including at least NINE equivalent courses (see below list) prior to matriculating in the Master’s degree program.***

1. A GPA of 3.0 or above is the minimum requirement for application, but successful applicants generally have a GPA in the CSD major that is above 3.7.
2. Two copies of oﬃcial transcripts from all college-level institutions which the applicant has attended. One for the Oﬃce of CSUF Admissions and the other for CSDCAS.
3. A letter of intent/personal statement or essay from the applicant highlighting his or her personal qualities, relevant work experience, *past experience and future potential (clinical, personal) for working effectively with individuals and communities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds,* and academic history his or her professional interests, future career goals, and objectives in obtaining an M.S. degree in CSD at CSUF.

\*\* The essay may NOT exceed 5,500 characters (about 650-700 words) to be accepted by Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS), an online application website. Characters include spaces, carriage returns, and other formatting.

1. Three letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's academic abilities, clinical or ﬁeld experience, and/or work ethics. See below for the detail. ***Letter #1*** *from someone who can speak to the applicant’s academic potential (e.g., a Communication Sciences and Disorders faculty member whose class you have taken)*

***Letter #2*** *from someone who can speak to the applicant’s clinical potential (e.g., SLPA or other type of clinical supervisor)*

***Letter #3*** *from anyone the student chooses who can speak to either their academic or clinical potential (this person does not have to be a COMD faculty member or professional)*

1. International students’ TOEFL scores must be at least 550. For other requirements speciﬁc to international students (e.g., transcript veriﬁcation, etc.), check [International Graduate](http://internationaladmissions.fullerton.edu/graduate-student.aspx) [Admission](http://internationaladmissions.fullerton.edu/graduate-student.aspx).

# Important notes:

* + All material must be received **before 8:59 pm** (Paciﬁc Standard Time) **on January 15th**. It is best to submit materials well in advance (about 4-6 weeks before the deadline) so that the applicant will have a chance to verify receipt of materials and take corrective action if necessary.
  + The application with any missing information or unmet criteria of items #1 through #5 and/or #6 (if applicable) will be considered ‘incomplete’ and will not be reviewed.
  + GRE score is NOT required.
  + For more information, refer to the [CSD website](http://communications.fullerton.edu/hcom/hcom-cd-ma.php).

By the ﬁrst day of the fall semester of the admission year, if the applicant whose B.A./B.S. degree in CSD is not conﬁrmed or fails to complete **12 CSD prerequisites** (including the 9 equivalent courses) and **one statistics class**, his or her conditional admission will be revoked.

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**Students with a B.A. or B.S. in a major other than CSD must have completed 12 CSD prerequisites with the equivalency of the following NINE courses by the admission time.**

* COMD 241 Introduction to Phonetics (3)
  + COMD 242 Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (3)
  + COMD 307 Speech & Language Development (3)
  + COMD 344 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing Mechanism
  + COMD 350 Speech & Hearing Science (3)
  + COMD 352 Child Language & Phonological Disorders (3)
  + COMD 461 Audiology & Audiometry (3)
  + COMD 474 Neurology & Neurogenic Communication Sciences and Disorders (3)
  + COMD 476 Clinical Methods and Procedures (3)

Courses taken at **ASHA-accredited programs** will be accepted for the most part. However, students from other institutions typically are required to take one or two non-equivalent classes after being admitted to our M.S. program. **Applicants with less than 12 CSDs or have one or two more course deficits (i.e., non-equivalencies) will NOT be considered.**