Admission Requirements

1. Minimum requirements for entrance into the master’s degree program include

* a bachelor’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) (also known as Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology or Speech-Language Pathology, or Speech and Hearing Sciences).
* completion of 12 CSD courses
* a statistics course

If you attended a program outside CSUF, or are attending a preparation or leveling program that offers only 10 CSD courses, you then must have at least 9 of the 10 courses that are the equivalent to listed courses below, and complete two additional courses by the end of Spring or Summer 2025. Applicants with less than 12 CSDs or have one or more course deficits (i.e., non-equivalencies) will NOT be considered for admission.

By the ﬁrst day of the fall 2025 semester, 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 below) and **one statistics class**, their conditional admission will be revoked.

Nine Required Equivalent Courses

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* 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)

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2. A GPA of 3.0 or above is the minimum requirement for application, but successful applicants generally have above 3.7 GPA in the CSD courses.

3. Two copies of electronic transcripts from all college-level institutions (that the applicant has attended) must be submitted to the Cal State Apply and the CSDCAS.

4. A letter of intent/personal statement or essay from the applicant should highlight their personal qualities, relevant work experience, and future potential (clinical, personal) for working effectively with individuals and communities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, academic history, professional interests, future career goals 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.

5. Three letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's academic potential, 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 CSD faculty member or professional)

6. 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 **by January 15,****2025,** **8:59 pm** (Paciﬁc Standard Time). 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).