

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the procedure for applying for the next fall admission year?**
 - a. *For information on applying to our graduate program for the next fall admission year, please carefully review the instructions on the [Communication Sciences and Disorders \(CSD\)](#) website.*
2. **About CSDCAS –**
 - a. *The Communication Science and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS,) is an independent third-party provider that is not associated with the California State University (CSU).*
 - b. *All required documents for M.S. applicants will be submitted directly only to CSDCAS. No hard copy of application materials will be accepted at CSUF-Dept. of Communication Science and Disorders.*
3. **Why CSDCAS? What does it do?**
 - a. *The CSDCAS website will allow you to submit required materials where the CSUF-CSD graduate committee will access and review your files. You will only need to do onetime submission of application materials. After this submission, your files are then accessible to other participating ASHA accredited CSD programs of your own choice. In other words, CSDCAS enables applicants to conveniently apply to multiple institutions.*
4. **Is there an application fee involved in utilizing CSDCAS?**
 - a. *Yes. The CSDCAS is a fee-based service. Using their services requires you to pay a separate application fee.*
 - b. *There is a fee waiver program available for those who meet the income level. Refer to CSDCAS (<https://mycsdcas.org/inquiryform>) website for the details.*
5. **If I have questions about CSDCAS, who do I contact?**
 - a. *You will first carefully review [CSDCAS FAQs](#), and contact [CSDCAS Customer Service](#) (available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST):
Phone: (617) 612-2030; **Email:** csdcasinfo@csdcas.org*

The application deadline is **January 15, 2025 at 8:59 pm, PST (11:59 pm, EST)** for Fall 2025 admission. Please visit the [CSD website](#) for application instruction

6. **I am applying to the M.S. 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?**
 - a. *After creating a CSDCAS account, you can request the required documents sent to CSDCAS.*
7. **Is the required "statement of purpose" from the [Cal State APPLY](#) application the same as the essay question that is required on the CSDCAS application?**
 - a. *The request for a "statement of purpose" shown on the Cal State Apply application does NOT apply to Communication Sciences and Disorders applicants. The Statement of Purpose is ONLY for the CSDCAS. You will enter 'not applicable.' in Cal State Apply to skip this request.*

8. **Are GRE, CBEST, or any other scores required to be submitted for the graduate program application?**
 - a. *Neither the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) nor the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) scores are required for applying to the M.S. program at CSUF.*
9. **Do I send materials or documents for my application directly to the department?**
 - a. *No application materials are due to the department. Any documents received in the department office will NOT be considered or reviewed.*

To CSDCAS: *All your application materials (including a personal statement, three letters of recommendation, & a copy of college-level transcripts from all institutions) are due to CSDCAS.*

To Cal State APPLY: *A \$70 application processing fee and a copy of college-level unofficial transcripts from all institutions should be submitted in Cal State APPLY. However, when they are admitted, official transcripts must be sent to the [Office of Admissions](#).*

The application deadline for both CSDCAS and Cal State APPLY is the same for January 15, 2025 at 8:59 pm PST (11:59 pm EST).

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10. **If I do not have a background in Communication Sciences and Disorders or have been out of school for more than two years, who should I ask to write the letters of recommendation for me?**
 - a. *Obtain letters from your former professors who taught you the CSD classes and/or are familiar with your academic work.*
 11. **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.**
 - a. *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)*
 - b. *Letter #2 from someone who can speak to the applicant's clinical potential (e.g., SLPA or other type of clinical supervisor)*
 - c. *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)*
 12. **Can the letters of recommendation be submitted in a hard copy and/or manually**
 - a. ***NO.** All references must be submitted electronically through CSDCAS.*
 - b. *The Department will NO LONGER accept a hard copy of the letters of recommendation.*
 13. **Does the admission committee review applications in the order they were received, and/or do they accept applicants on a rolling basis for admission?**
 - a. ***NO.** The graduate admission committee does not admit applicants on a rolling basis. Following the submission deadline, all applications are reviewed simultaneously, regardless of when you completed or submitted your application.*

- b. *Submission after the posted deadline or an incomplete application will not be reviewed.*
14. **Once I have completed and submitted my application through CSDCAS, what may I expect?**
a. *Please refer to the document [Timeline for Application Process and Admission Offers on the CSD website](#).*
15. **What are the GPA and Course Requirements?**
a. **ONLY** CSD courses GPA will be considered.
b. For the details of GPA calculation, refer to [CSDCAS GPA Calculation website](#).
16. **Do I need to compute and submit my GPA?**
a. **NO.** Although CSDCAS system will automatically compute your GPA, you are encouraged to use the CSDCAS GPA calculator.
17. **To whom do I send my official transcripts?**
a. *You are required to submit two sets of official college-level transcripts to **both** the CSDCAS and Cal State APPLY (The CSUF Admissions Office). The electronic submission of transcripts to CSUF Admissions Office is https://admissions.fullerton.edu/prospectivestudent/college_transcripts.php.*
b. **Refer to the CSDCAS for the Link to send an electronic transcript to the CSDCAS.**
18. **Should I wait for my grade report for the fall term before sending in my transcripts?**
a. *Suppose your transcripts show at least 8 of the 12 CSD course grades when submitting your application, with four remaining CSD courses and one statistics class scheduled in Spring 2025. In that case, **you are strongly encouraged to submit your transcripts ASAP** or at least 4-6 weeks before the deadline of January 15th to avoid any delay in verifying your application at the CSDCAS Office.*
19. **Will my application be rejected if I only complete less than eight CSD courses and a statistics course by the deadline of January 15, 2025?**
a. *Yes! An applicant who has taken less than eight CSD courses or has not taken a statistics class will not be considered in the review process.*
20. **Is completion of eight CSD courses and one statistics class sufficient at the time of submitting my application?**
a. *Yes, your application will be considered, provided the remaining four courses are scheduled to be completed in spring 2025. Your official transcript should show the completion of the 12 CSD courses and one Statistics course before fall 2025 if admitted; otherwise, your admission offer will be revoked.*
21. **Should my course content must match the CSUF COMD courses?**
a. *At least **9 of the 12 CSD courses** should be **equivalent to the CSUF COMD courses** listed below.*

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 (3)

COMD 350 - Speech & Hearing Science (3)

COMD 352 - Child Language & Phonological Disorders (3)

COMD 461 - Audiology & Audiometry (3)

COMD 474 - Neurology & Neurogenic Communication Sciences & Disorders (3)

COMD 476 - Clinical Methods and Procedures (3)

b. *Please refer to the application requirements and M.S. application checklist posted on [Communication Sciences and Disorders \(CSD\)](#) website for the details.*

22. If I attended or am attending a leveling course program that only offers 10 CSD courses, am I eligible for graduate admission?

a. ***NO**, you must have completed **12 CSD courses**, with **9 of them** being the equivalent courses to the CSUF COMD courses.*