

Master's Preparatory Certificate Program — FAQs

1) What is the Master's Preparatory Certificate Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)?

It is an **in-person, post-baccalaureate** program at California State University, Fullerton for students who have a bachelor's degree in another field and need **CSD prerequisite coursework** to apply to master's programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (speech-language pathology).

2) Who is this program designed for?

Students with a **non-CSD bachelor's degree** who want to complete prerequisite coursework before applying to SLP graduate programs.

3) Is the program online or in person?

The program is **in person**.

4) How many courses are required, and how long does it take?

Students complete **13 required courses** in **3–4 semesters**, depending on their course load.

5) Does the program include clinical experience?

Students are encouraged to gain related experience through **volunteering** to connect coursework to clinical practice.

6) Where can students volunteer to gain experience?

Common settings include **public schools, hospitals, and private practice clinics**.

7) What does the certificate prepare students to do?

The program prepares students to **apply** to CSUF's **M.S. program in Communicative Disorders** and other graduate programs in speech-language pathology.

8) Does completing the certificate guarantee admission to CSUF's M.S. program?

No. Completion of the certificate **prepares students to apply**, but **does not guarantee admission** to our graduate program.

9) When can I apply to start the certificate program in Fall 2027?

The application window opens **October 1, 2026** and closes **January 15, 2027**.

10) How do I apply?

Submit an application through **Cal State Apply**: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>

11) Where can I find the program course outline?

You can view the [Program Course Outline](#).

12) Who can I contact with questions about the certificate program?

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