

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, M.S.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The program is open to individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree and who meet the minimum admission requirements of the Graduate School and the department. Entering students who do not have undergraduate majors in communicative disorders will typically be required to take prerequisite course work, which may lengthen the time require to earn a graduate degree.

Apply Online

Fall Application Deadline: January 15

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All potential master's degree applicants must meet the Graduate School's admission requirements, as well as department-specific requirements.

GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

UW-Madison Graduate School Requirements for Admission (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>)

- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 = A); however, the students we accept into the program typically have much higher GPAs

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

You must complete the following undergraduate courses before beginning graduate course work:

Code	Title	Credits
CS&D 201	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Production	3
CS&D 202	Normal Aspects of Hearing	3
CS&D 240	Language Development in Children and Adolescents	3
CS&D 315	Phonetics and Phonological Development	3
CS&D 318	Voice, Craniofacial, and Fluency Disorders	3
CS&D 320	Introduction to Audiology	3
CS&D 371	Pre-Clinical Observation of Children and Adults	3
CS&D 425	Auditory Rehabilitation	3
CS&D 440	Child Language Disorders, Assessment and Intervention	3

In addition to the above courses, you will need a course in each of the following areas:

- Biological sciences
- Physical sciences (chemistry or physics)
- Statistics
- Social/behavioral sciences

The American Speech–Language–Hearing Association (ASHA) standards now specify that a course in each of these areas is required for ASHA certification. For additional details, visit ASHA's website Standard IV-A (<https://www.asha.org/certification/2020-slp-certification-standards/>).

If you choose to complete prerequisites at UW–Madison before applying for graduate study, you must apply to the Capstone Program (<http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/capstone/communication-sciences-disorders-capstone-certificate/>). These courses typically can be completed within two semesters. Equivalent courses from another university or department will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters should address your potential for academic success in graduate school. At least two should come from instructors who have knowledge of your academic performance. The third may come from a clinical supervisor, employer, or other individual who has knowledge of your academic potential and likelihood for success in graduate school. **No more than three.**

REASONS FOR GRADUATE STUDY

This is an opportunity for you to highlight experiences, related skills, and personal attributes which make you an exceptional candidate. 1-3 pages, single-spaced.

APPLICATION FEE

UW–Madison charges a non-refundable \$75 application fee that must be paid by credit card (Master Card or Visa) or debit card. In addition to the

\$75 application fee, non U.S. citizens will be charged a \$6 international document processing fee.

There are limited application fee grants available. Check the UW–Madison Graduation Application Fee grants (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/feegrants/>) to see if you qualify. Please note that fee grant applications must be submitted before you application and can take two weeks to process so you should plan to submit fee grant applications by December 1 with consideration of holidays.

CV OR RESUME

Include honors and awards.

TRANSCRIPTS

Upload a copy of your unofficial transcripts. These show grades earned at every college or university you have attended, including study abroad. If admitted, the Graduate School will request official transcripts.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Fill out the supplemental application that is found in the online graduate school application.

OFFICIAL TOEFL SCORES

If your native language is not English, or your undergraduate instruction was not in English, a TOEFL score is required. Use institution code 1846. You may take the test more than once; we will consider the scores from your best testing date. Only **official** scores, submitted directly from ETS, from within the last five years and submitted by the application deadline will be accepted.

NOTABLE ADVICE

- Submit all materials one week prior to deadline. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
- File your application early. Do not wait until you can gather all your materials. It is better to file early and send additional items as they become available.
- Track your application status. After submission of your application, you will receive a link to a personal web page where you can track your application status. We update this page as we receive your materials, usually within two weeks of receipt.
- For more information, review the UW–Madison Graduate School “Steps to Apply” (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/process/>) and “Admissions FAQ” (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/faq/>).